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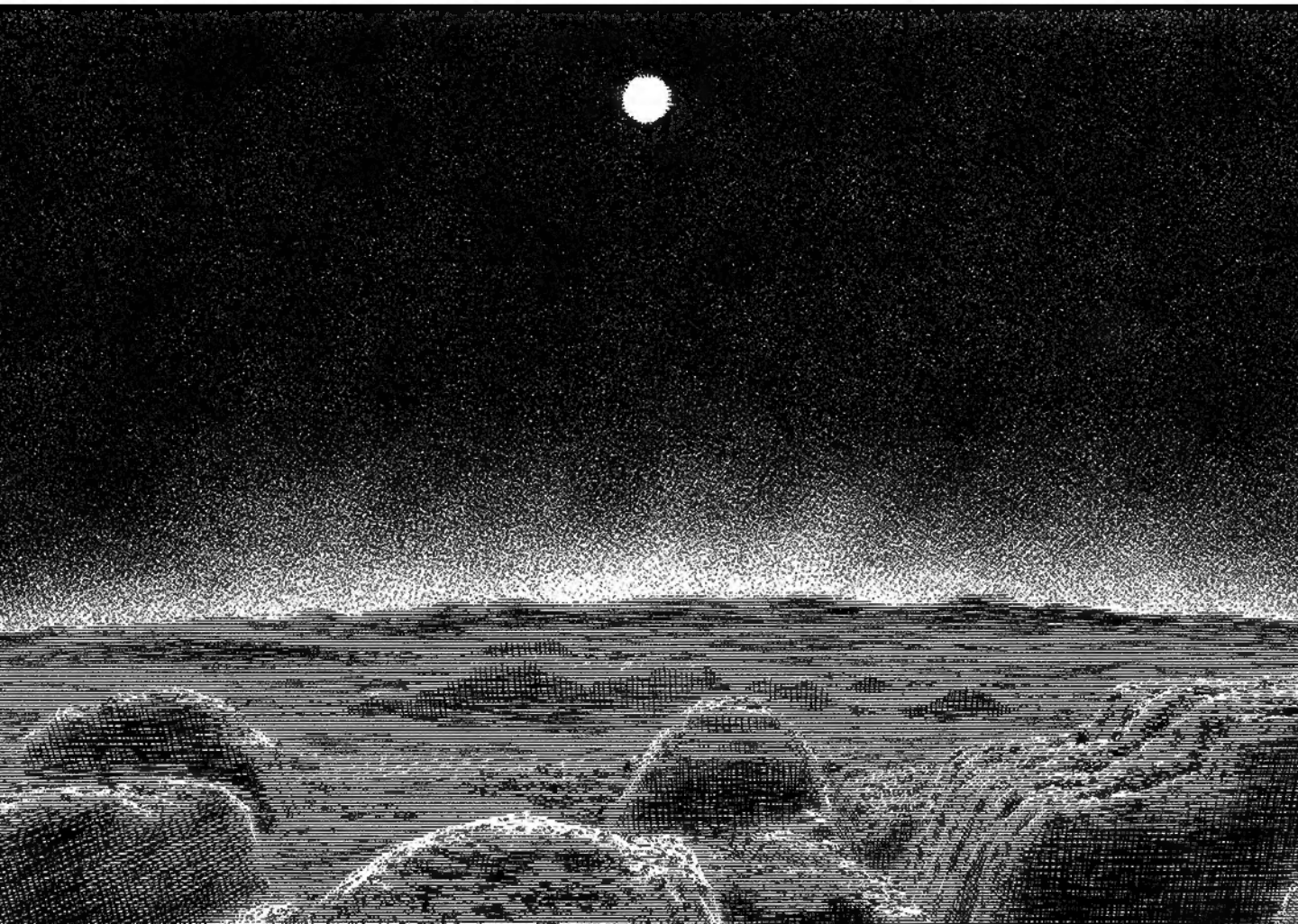
Kosuna and Mitsuru participate in a plan to evacuate a Southern Army executive from within the Western territory. When the executive, Amami, blunders halfway through the mission, the intensity of the plan turns up a notch. Meanwhile, Mizusaki, who served as the guide for the enemy force, loses his mind and uses explosives to cause the cave to collapse!

While the huronified Mizusaki goes on a rampage, Kosuna is rescued by Akio and company from the B Team. in order to complete her mission, Kosuna once again must return underground...



—CHARACTERS—

West Oasis Government

Mitsuru

Son of Koidemizu, Sunabozu's master. He leaves Sunabozu and partners with Kosuna. A sufferer of the Hulk disease.

Master and pupil

Kosuna (Koizumi Taiko)

Aspiring to be the strongest beauty in the Great Desert of Kanto, she becomes a pupil of Sunabozu. Her skills rapidly improves, but declares her independence from Sunabozu upon his betrayal. Currently living out her uncompromising everyday life...

In Opposition

Currently on opposing sides

Former master and pupil

The Majority Faction (Otaki faction)

Currently holds the majority within the West Oasis government. Believes they should leave the Earth's rebirth to its own ability to regenerate. As is the case with the Opposing Faction, the story has yet to reveal who is in control behind the scenes.

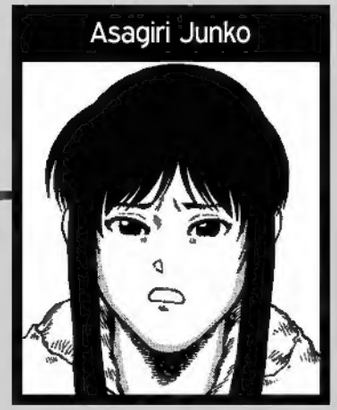
Sunabozu (Mizuno Kanta)

The talented handyman of the desert. Has no qualms resorting to underhand tricks. He betrays his former allies at the Opposing Faction, and joins the Majority Faction and now leads the cyborg soldiers.

Wants to fuck

Utterly exploiting

Asagiri Junko



"The Vixen of the Desert." She uses her cunning to swindle one man after another. Defects with Sunabozu to the Majority Faction.

In control of

Cyborg Soldiers

They are advanced technology from the Dark Ages, and they hold tremendous combat power. They are currently being controlled by Sunabozu.

In combat

Mizusaki

A Hunter who serves as a guide in West Oasis. He hits his head and goes a bit loopy.

Rivals

In battle

The Opposing Faction (Anti-Government Faction)

A group that proposes using remnant technology from the Dark Ages to efficiently aid the regeneration of the now-desolated Earth. The leader behind the scenes has yet to be revealed in the story.

Respects

Kawaguchi Fuyuo, Akio, and Haruo

AKA "The Machine Gun Brothers." They have known Sunabozu since their childhood days, but they don't get along with him. Their trigger-happy style of shooting is nothing but crude. Were persuaded by Natsuko to join the Opposing Faction.

Siblings

Kawaguchi Natsuko

The sole sister of the Kawaguchi siblings. Works hard and becomes an officer of the Oasis army, but later joins Kaido and co. due to their shared ideology. Currently a core member of the group.

Approaching

Tanigawa Seiji

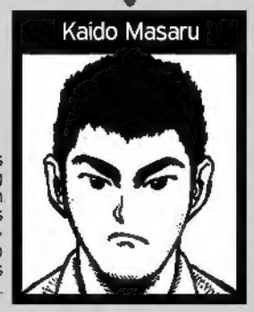
Former technician at the Uzumaki Industry. After being deceived by Natsuko, he takes the new suit from the company and runs for his life. Later joins the Opposing Faction.

Superior of

Ikeda

An academic studying the Dark Ages. He is active within the Opposing Faction, but is too kind-at-heart to be good at those jobs.

Kaido Masaru



An idealist who sets out on a wandering after pulling out from the military. After his meeting with Sunabozu, he returns to the army and joins the Opposing Faction.

Kaizuka Kaoru

The President of the Game of Life Company. A patron of the Opposing Faction, he is however abducted by the Majority Faction. Current whereabouts unknown...

South Oasis Government

They have been in combat with the West Oasis Government for over three years. The Southern Alliance refers to the South Oasis government-affiliated resistance within West Oasis territory.

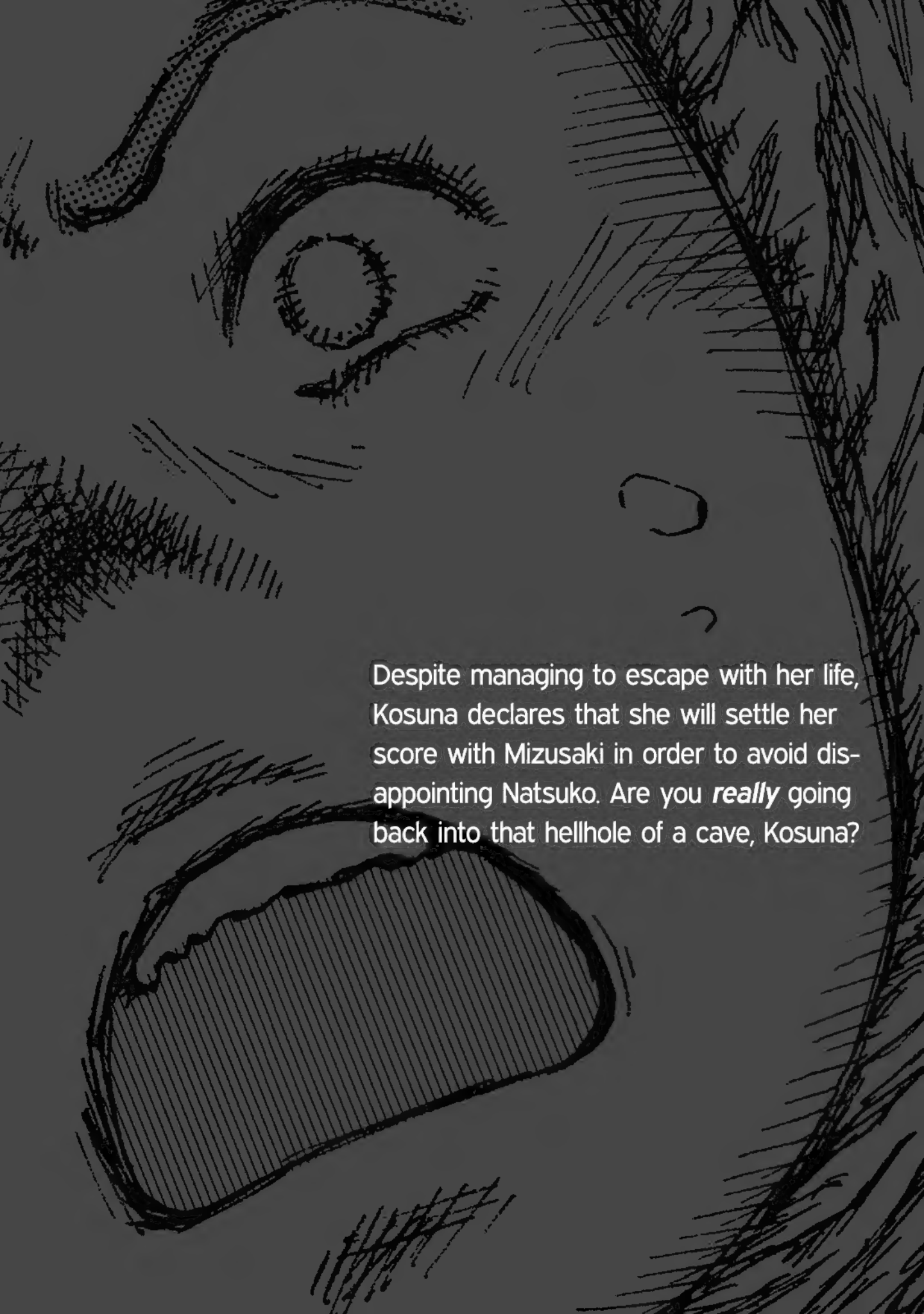
Escorting

Amami

The VIP of the current mission. Currently injured.

Amagumo (The Rain Spider)

Sunabozu's rival handyman. A pervert to boot. Mainly takes requests from the South Oasis.



Despite managing to escape with her life, Kosuna declares that she will settle her score with Mizusaki in order to avoid disappointing Natsuko. Are you ***really*** going back into that hellhole of a cave, Kosuna?

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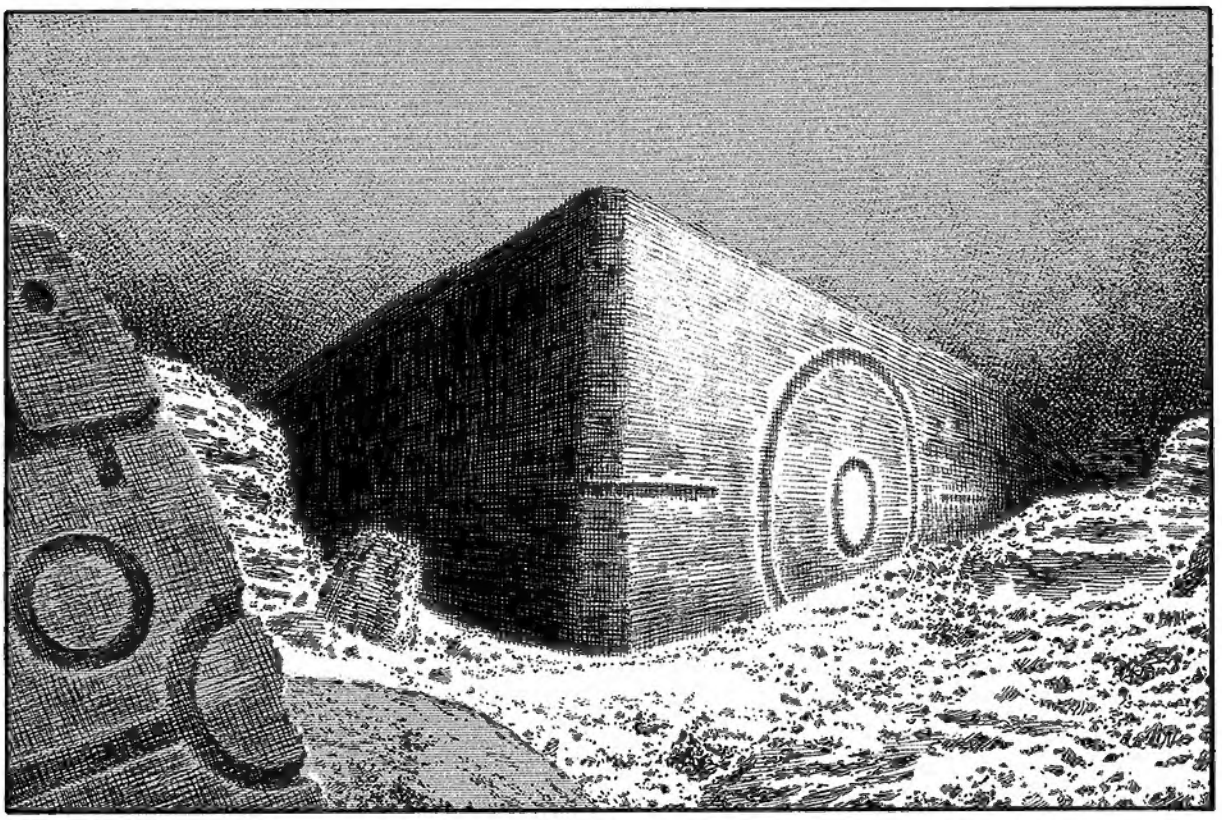
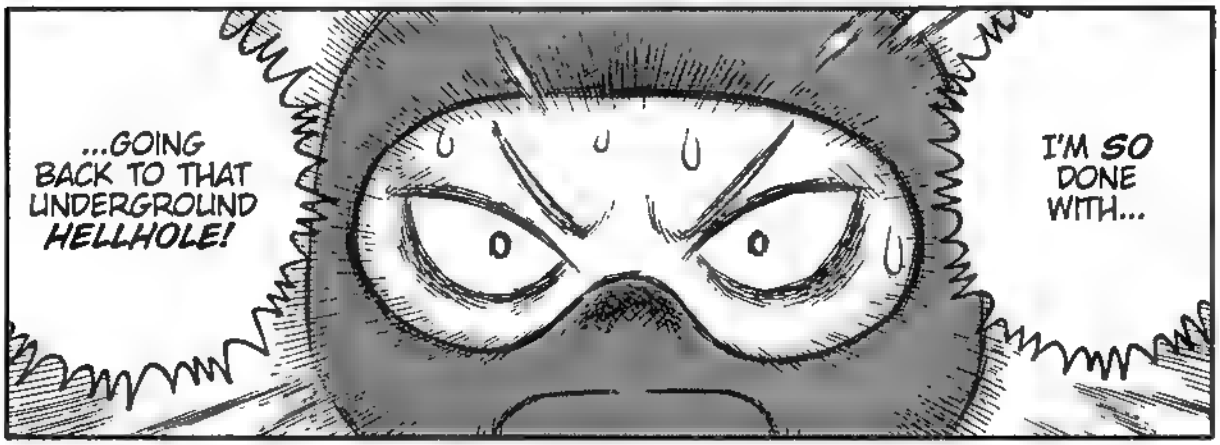
IN ORDER TO HOLD BACK THE HURON DRUGGIE AND LET MY TEAM ESCAPE, I WAS LEFT ON MY OWN.



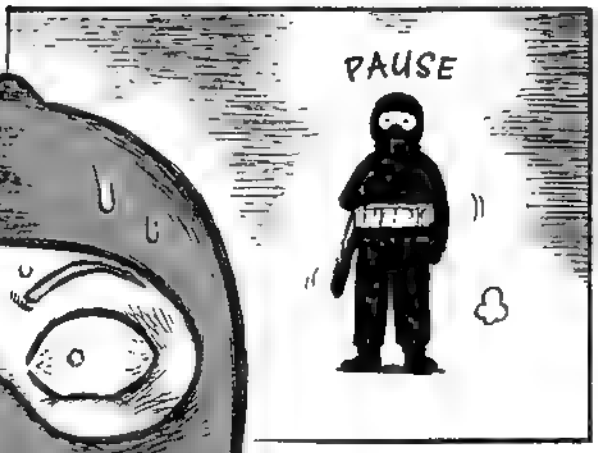
...THEN I WOULD NOT MIND SACRIFICING MYSELF.

AS IF I WOULD ACTUALLY THINK THAT.

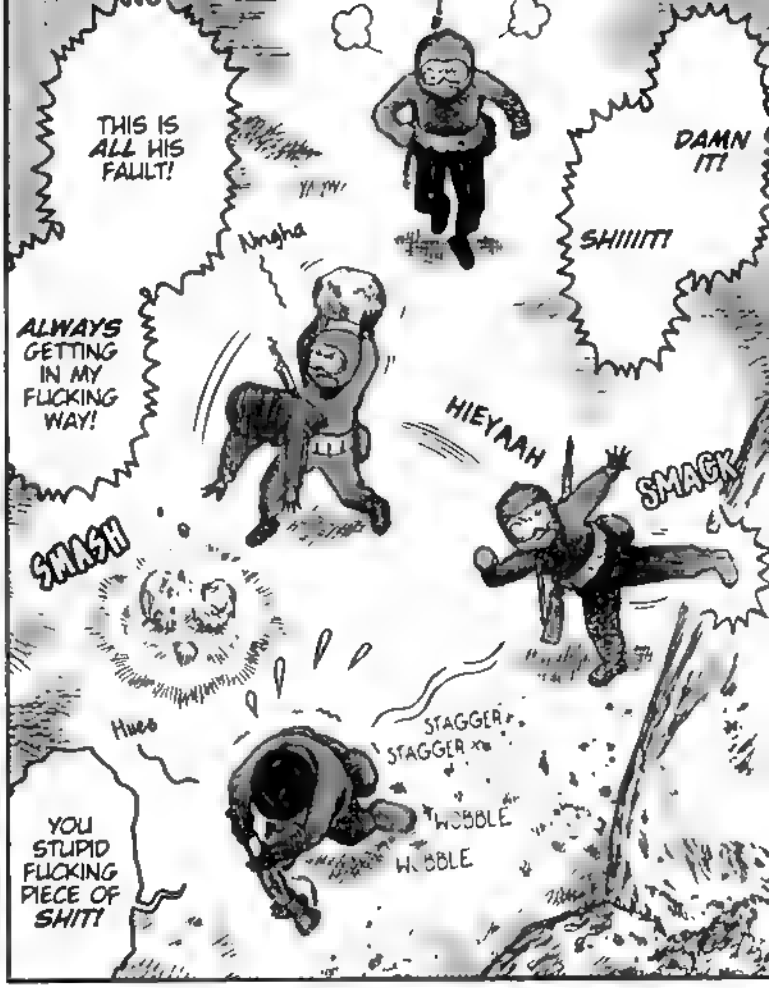

...GOING BACK TO THAT UNDERGROUND HELLHOLE!
I'M SO DONE WITH...

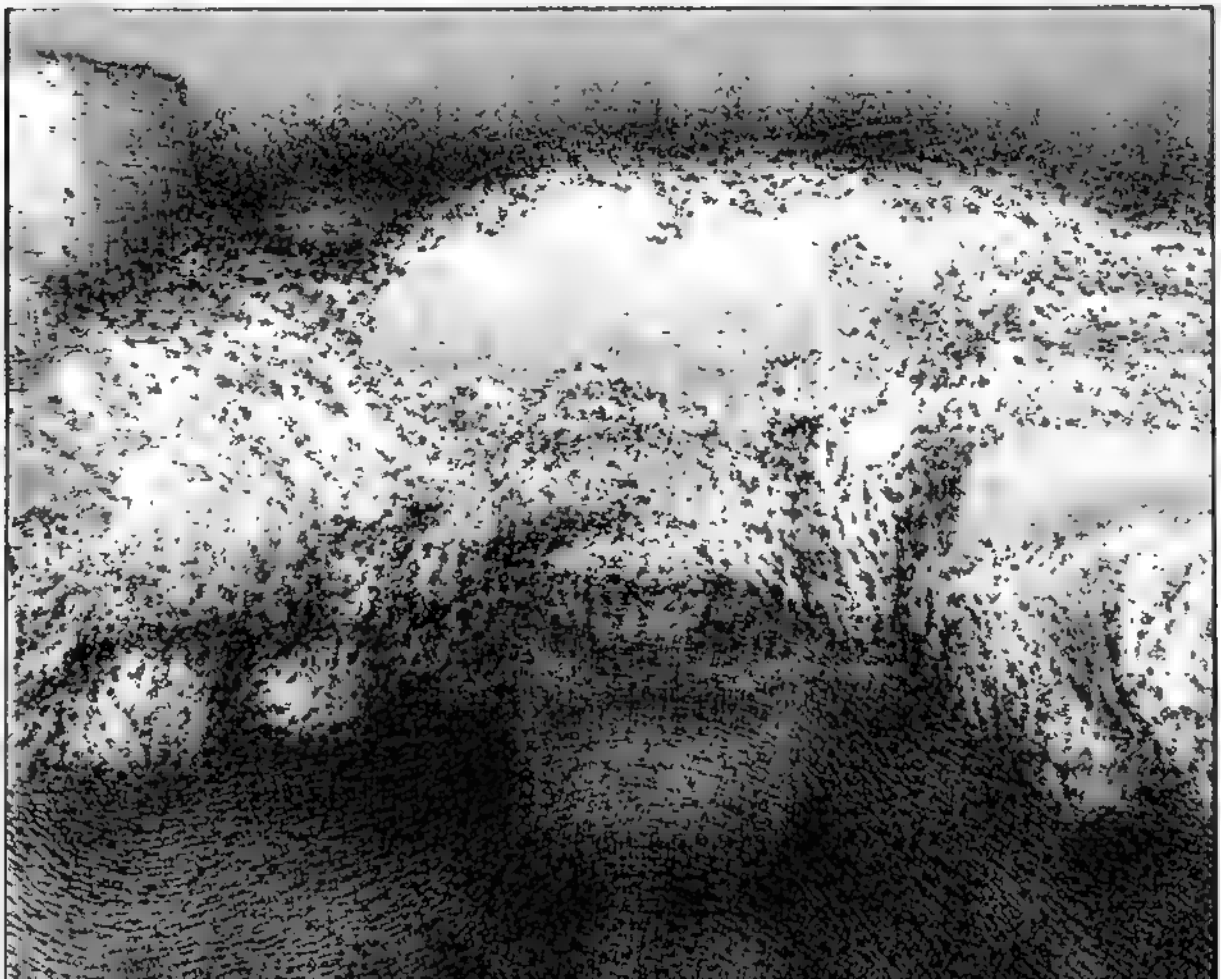
I OVERESTI-MATED YOU.
HMMMM... IS THAT ALL YOU GOT?
Hmph. I see.
SHUDDER

I WON'T GET ANY MONEY FOR IT...
This is only work.
BUT I FAILED THE MISSION.
I wouldn't die for this


PAUSE

I'LL FUCKING KILL YOU!
FOR REAL!

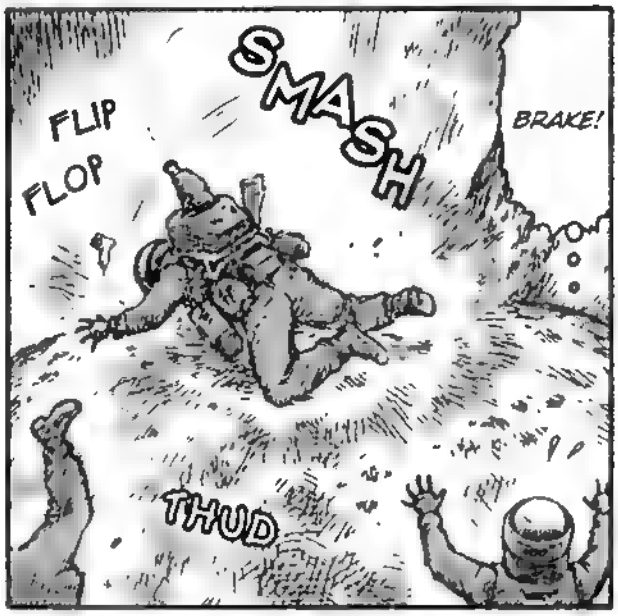

THIS IS ALL HIS FAULT!
DAMN IT!
SHIIIIIT!
Ahgha
ALWAYS GETTING IN MY FUCKING WAY!
HIEYAAH
SMACK
SMASH
Hnes
STAGGER
STAGGER
WOBBLE
WOBBLE
YOU STUPID FUCKING PIECE OF SHIT!

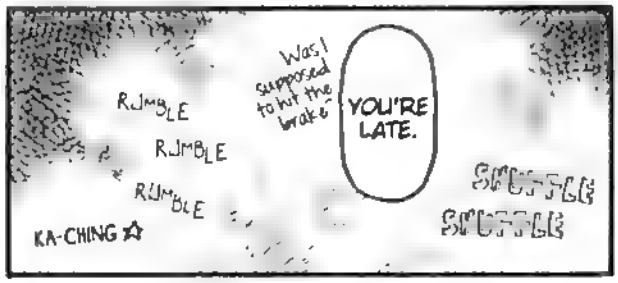


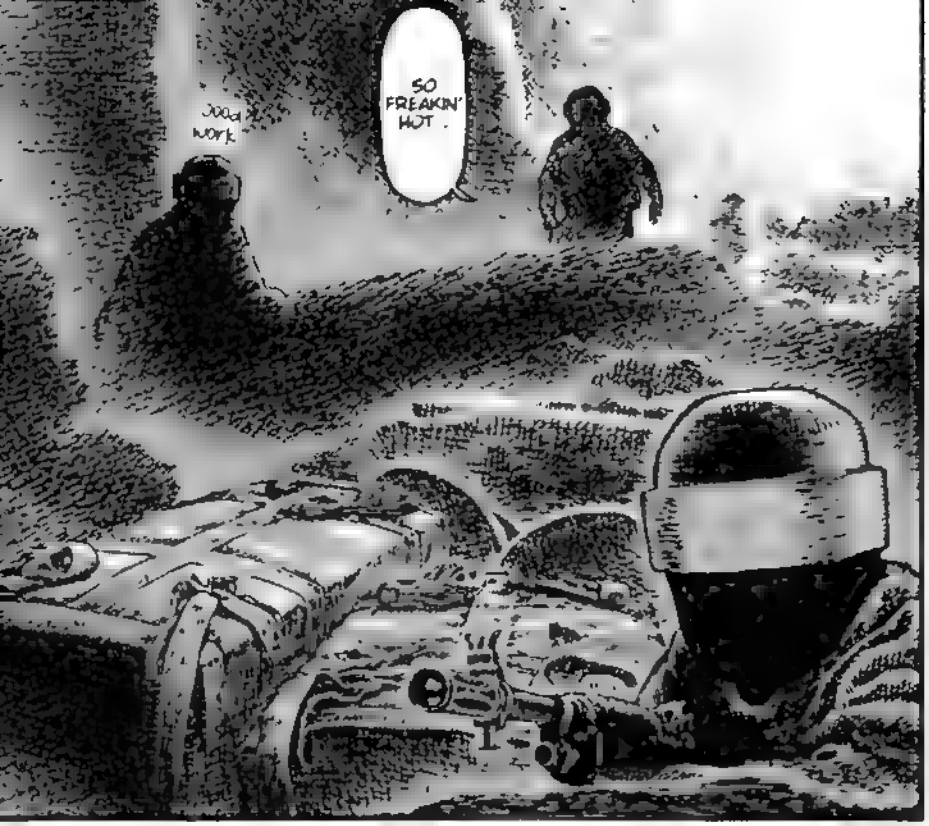
CRUMBLE
CRUMBLE

SCREEEECH

OWW-WW...
SHIT.
YOU ARE SO SHIT AT THIS.
THIS WINCH REALLY DOESN'T LIKE ME.


FLIP
FLOP
SMASH
BRAKE!
THUD


RUMBLE
RUMBLE
RUMBLE
KA-CHING
Was I supposed to hit the brake
YOU'RE LATE.
SHUFFLE
SHUFFLE


SO FREAKIN' HOT.
Good work.

SAMIZU JUST WENT TO TAKE A LOOK.
WE CAN'T GET A HOLD OF THE SITUATION AT ALL.
HEAT DETECTION IS USELESS WITH ALL THE HOT GAS FILLING UP THE PLACE.
Take a break now.

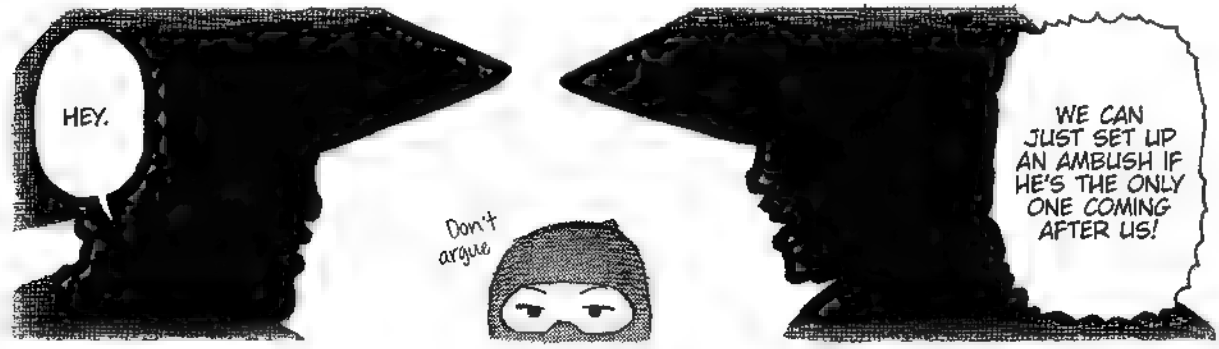
YOU'RE STAYING BEHIND ON YOUR OWN?

NOW SHE WON'T BE ABLE TO COME BACK TO US EVEN IF SHE CHANGED HER MIND.

SO I EVEN TOOK HER WINCH ALONG WITH ME.
KACHA
THE HIGHER-UPS ARE TELLING US TO CLEAN THIS UP PROPERLY.

WE SHOULDN'T TRAVEL TOGETHER.
IF THAT GUY REALLY IS CHASING AFTER KOIZUMI,
WAIT A SEC.
WHA...
He called me an idiot
He called me an idiot
He called me an idiot

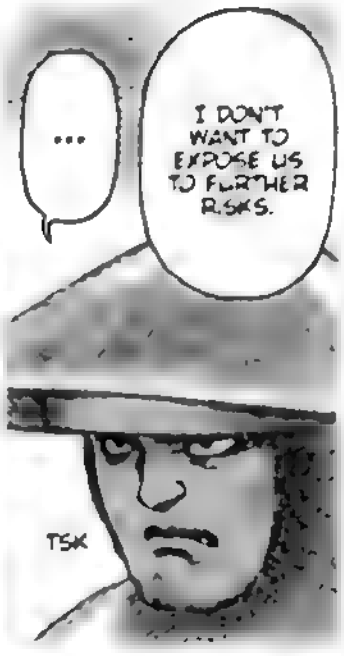
YOU IDIOT!
What can you do with that beaten and battered body of yours?
YOU'LL DIE!


HEY.
Don't argue
WE CAN JUST SET UP AN AMBUSH IF HE'S THE ONLY ONE COMING AFTER US!

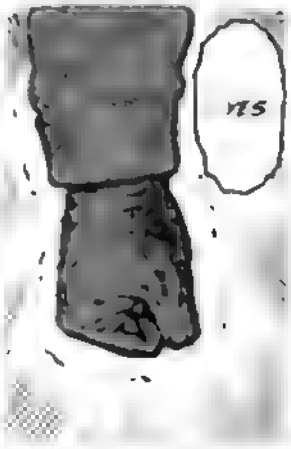
...DESPITE COMPLICATION AFTER COMPLICATION THAT SHOULD'VE CAUSED US TO FAIL.
IT'S A MIRACLE WE'VE MANAGED TO PULL THROUGH SO FAR...
My apologies for complicating things.

I HOPE YOU UNDERSTAND, THIS HAS BEEN A VERY PARTICULAR OPERATION.

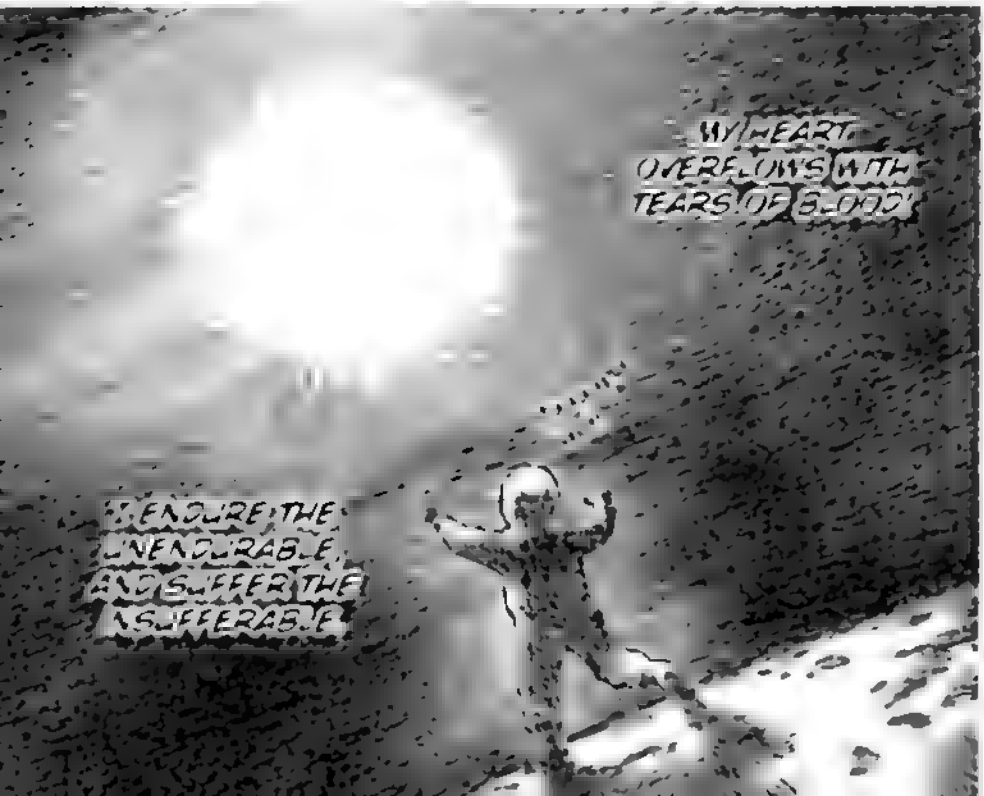
...GET THIS SOUTHERN OPERATIVE BACK TO THE SOUTH IN ONE PIECE.
WE WILL ABSO-LUTELY...


...
I DON'T WANT TO EXPOSE US TO FURTHER RISKS.
TSK

YES!


YES

FACT IS, NO ONE WOULD'VE COMPLAINED IF SHE HAD DROPPED OUT LONG AGO.
....
KOIZUMI PROBABLY ALSO CAME HERE TO GIVE HER DAMNEST FOR HIS SAKE.


MY HEART OVERFLOWS WITH TEARS OF BLOOD!
I ENDURE THE UNENDURABLE, AND SUFFER THE INSUFFERABLE.

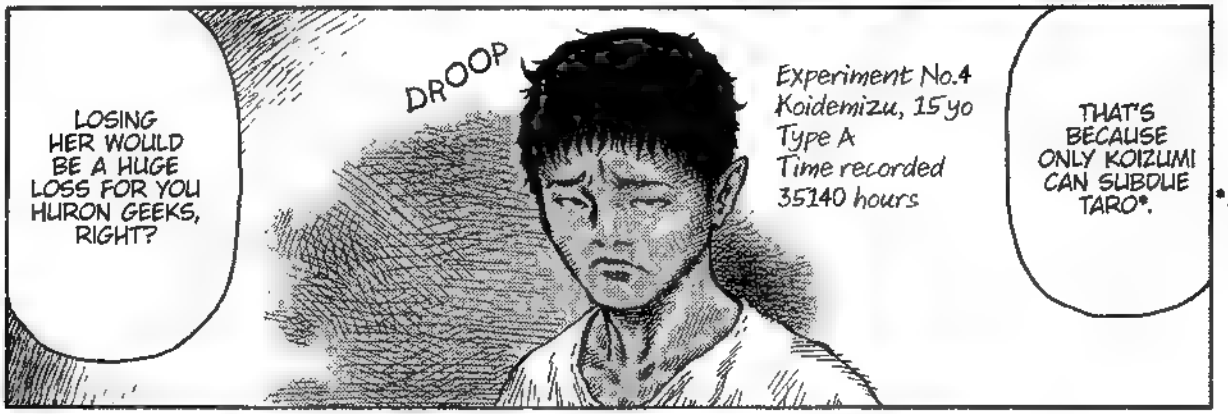
I'VE TRIED MY BEST!

GLOWER
I'VE SERIOUSLY HAD ENOUGH...
GLOWER
GLOWER
GLOWER
SHOCK

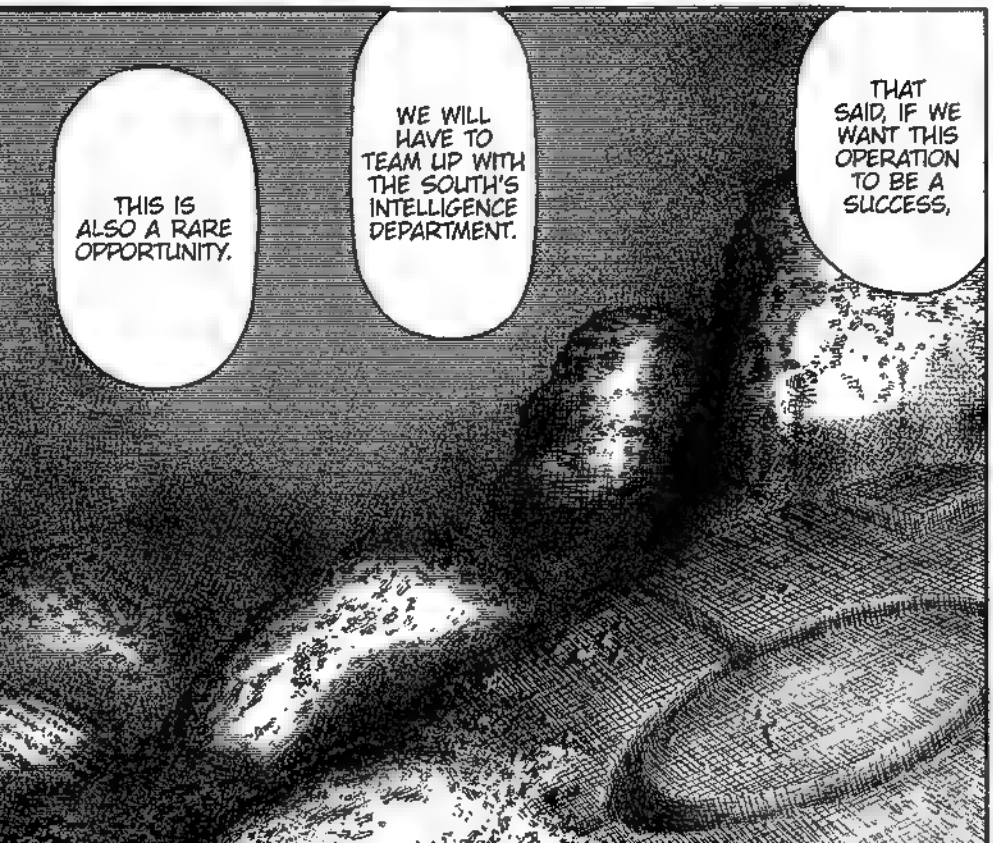
GLARE

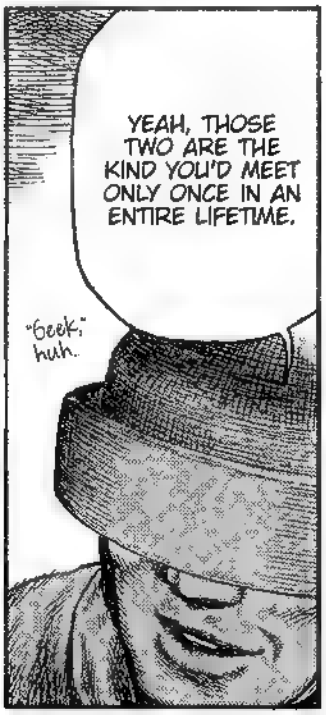
EVEN IF SHE WAS THE TOP DISCIPLE OF THAT DESPICABLE PIECE OF SHIT BASTARD...

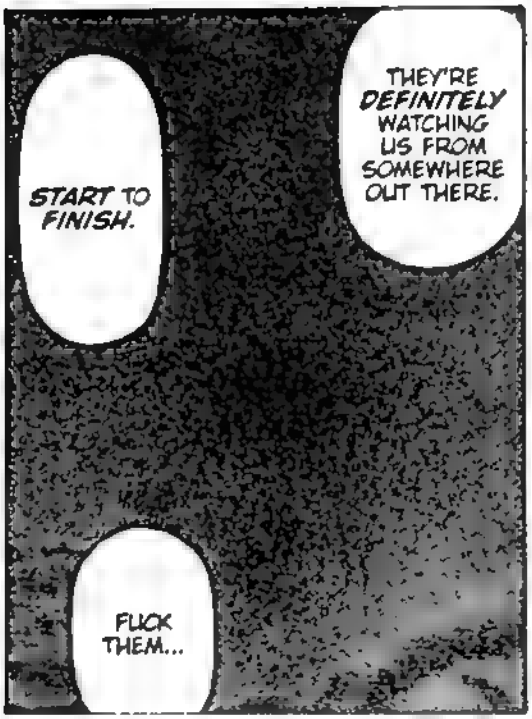
MAYBE WE REALLY SHOULD HAVE DRAGGED HER ALONG WITH US.



*HURONIFIED MITSURU






THEY'RE DEFINITELY WATCHING US FROM SOMEWHERE OUT THERE.
START TO FINISH.
FUCK THEM...

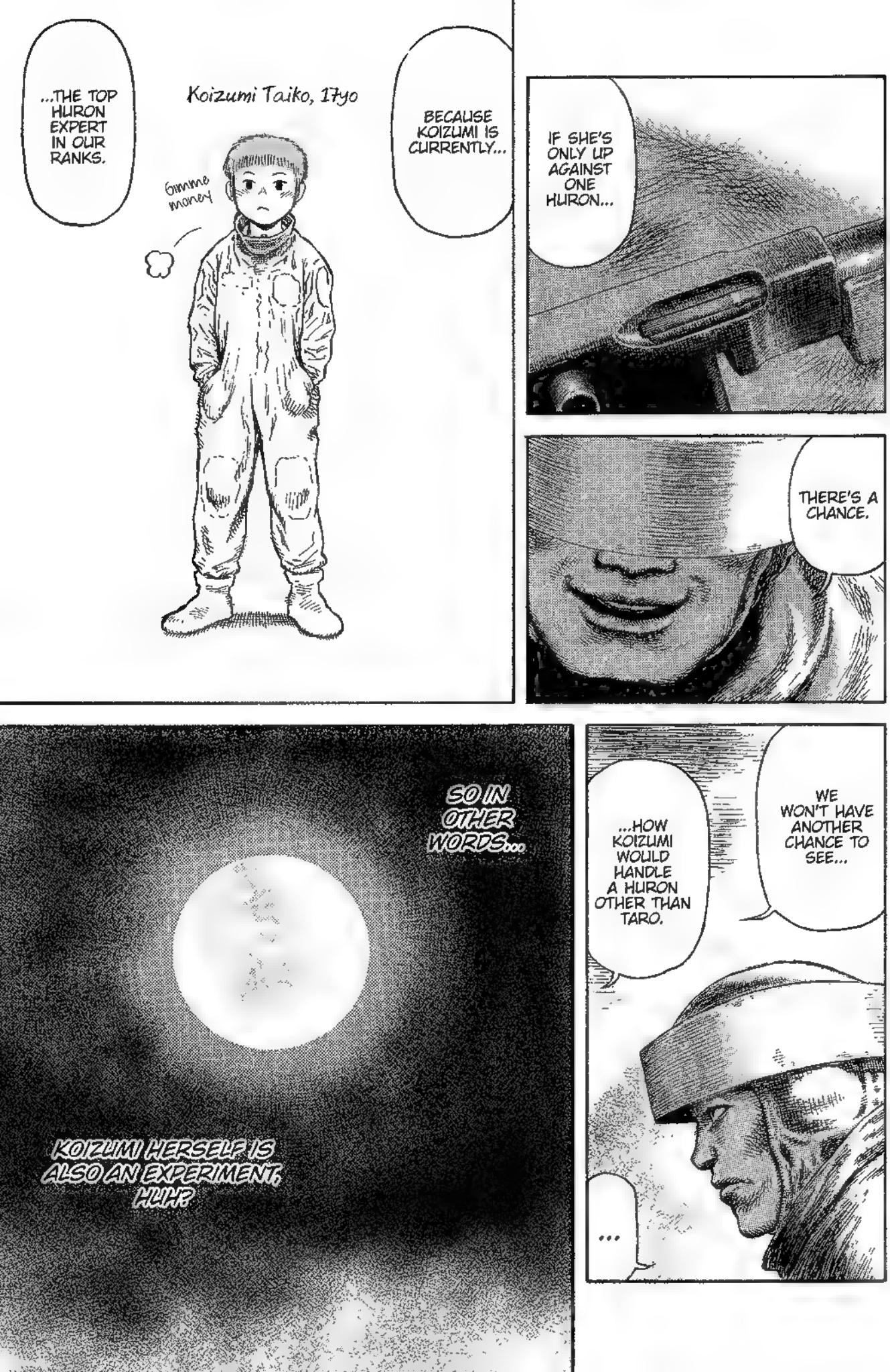
IN OTHER WORDS, "IF YOU WANT TO JOIN FORCES, SHOW US WHAT YOU GOT."
THEY ASSIGNED THIS MISSION TO US AS A TEST.

...WHAT?
What are you going on about?

I DON'T PLAN ON SACRIFICING KOIZUMI.
JUST FOR REFERENCE...

...AND COME BACK TO US IN ONE PIECE?
DO YOU REALLY THINK KOIZUMI CAN DEFEAT THAT HURON...
Wait, wait

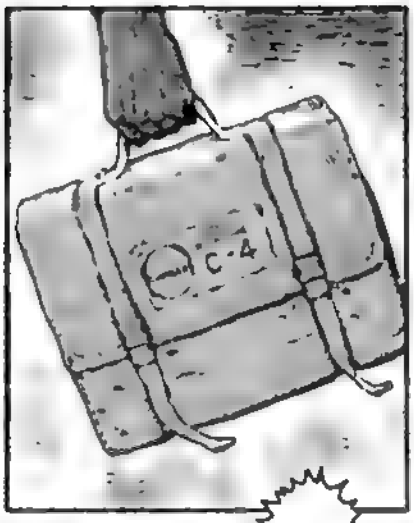
YOU SEE, THIS IS A BIT OF AN EXPERIMENT ON THE BATTLEFIELD. I AM WELL AWARE OF THE RISKS.
I ONLY CHOSE THE BETTER OPTION FOR OUR CURRENT SITUATION.


...THE TOP HURON EXPERT IN OUR RANKS.
Koizumi Taiko, 17yo
Gimme money
BECAUSE KOIZUMI IS CURRENTLY...
IF SHE'S ONLY UP AGAINST ONE HURON...
THERE'S A CHANCE.
SO IN OTHER WORDS...
KOIZUMI HERSELF IS ALSO AN EXPERIMENT, HUH?
...HOW KOIZUMI WOULD HANDLE A HURON OTHER THAN TARO.
WE WON'T HAVE ANOTHER CHANCE TO SEE...
...

HUFF
HUFF
HUFF
HUFF

!
CLACK CLACK

GRIN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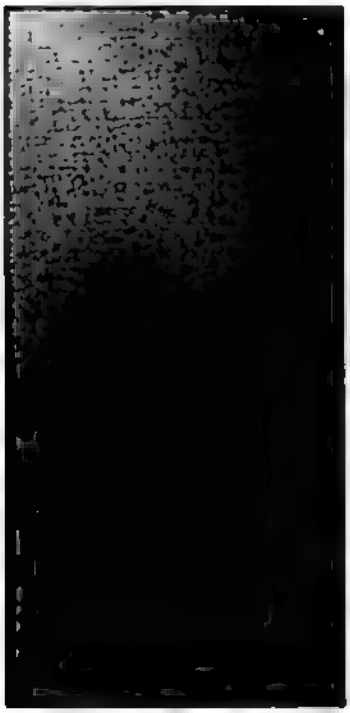
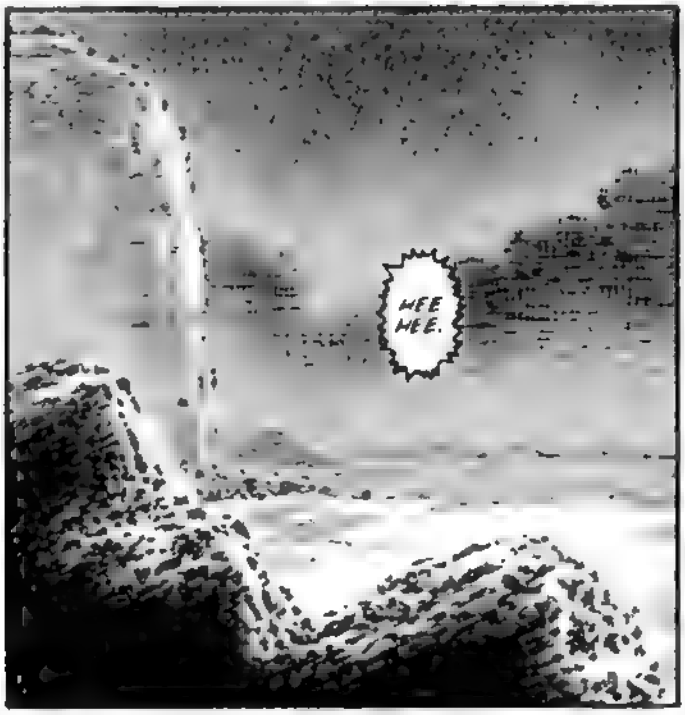
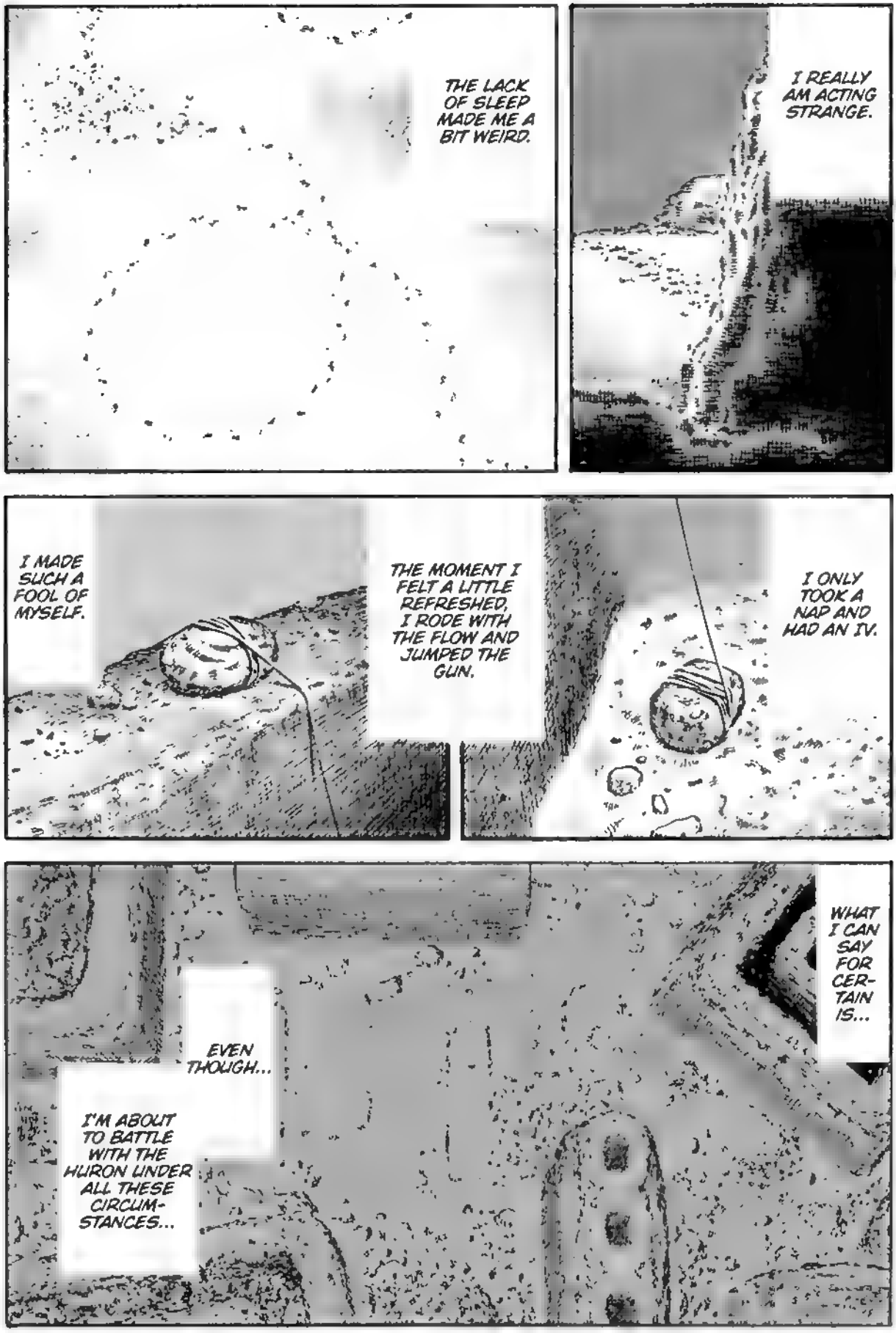
HEE...
HANDLE WITH CARE
C-4
NGER

UUHRG.
UUHG.




HEE HEE.

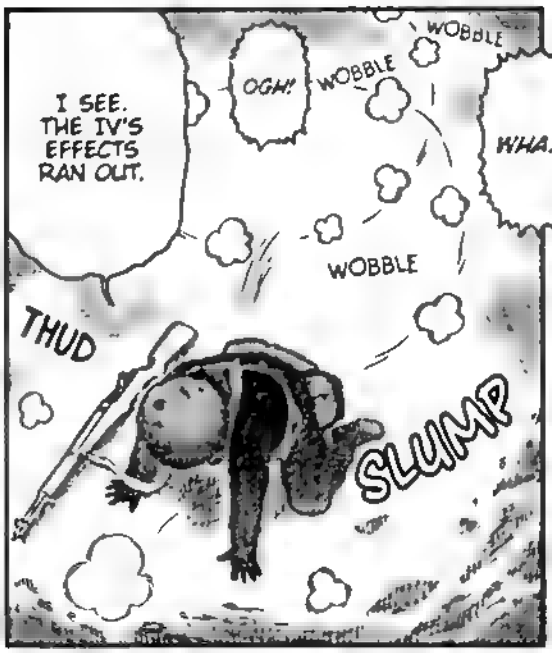

THE LACK OF SLEEP MADE ME A BIT WEIRD.
I REALLY AM ACTING STRANGE.
I MADE SUCH A FOOL OF MYSELF.
THE MOMENT I FELT A LITTLE REFRESHED, I RODE WITH THE FLOW AND JUMPED THE GUN.
I ONLY TOOK A NAP AND HAD AN IV.
WHAT I CAN SAY FOR CER-TAIN IS...
EVEN THOUGH...
I'M ABOUT TO BATTLE WITH THE HURON UNDER ALL THESE CIRCUM-STANCES...

GLARE
I DON'T FEEL LIKE I CAN LOSE!!

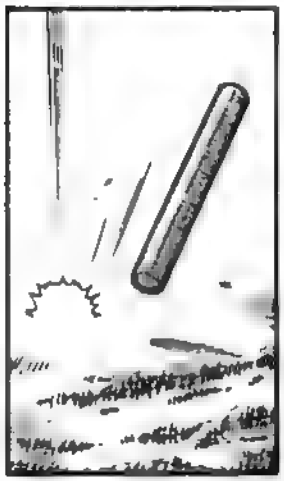
GLARE
I'M NOT THE SLIGHTEST BIT AFRAID!

GLARE
I'M TOTALLY GONNA OWN THIS!!!

I'M GONNA KICK THE BUCKET AT THIS RATE.
AAAH... IS THIS THE REASON WHY I CAME HERE WITHOUT A HINT OF SHAME?
DELIRIUM?
DELUSION?
IS THIS A SERIOUS CASE OF BASELESS OVER-CONFIDENCE?
SWEAT
BUT THERE IS SOME SERIOUS CONFIDENCE AND FIGHTING SPIRIT BUILDING UP INSIDE ME.
CRACKLE
CRACKLE
I KNOW I'M GOING CRAZY.
THAT SAID...
...AND THEY'RE QUITE THE MORON AT THAT.
THERE'S SOMEONE ELSE IN MY HEAD.
I FEEL LIKE...
WHAT THE HECK IS THIS?


I SEE. THE IV'S EFFECTS RAN OUT.
OGH!
WOBBLE
WOBBLE
WHA...
WOBBLE
THUD
SLUMP

グラ
SHAKY



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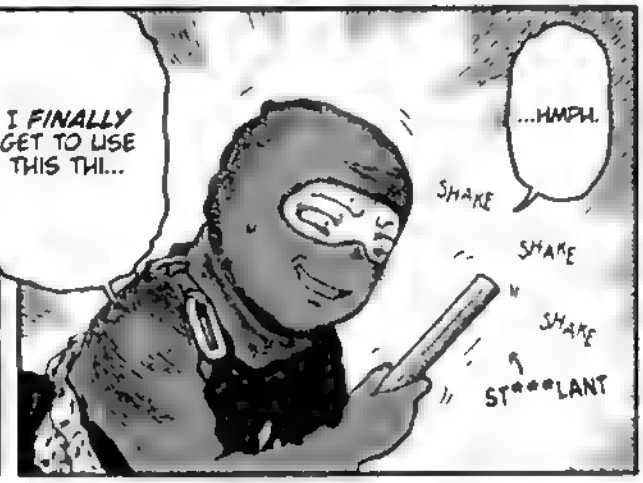
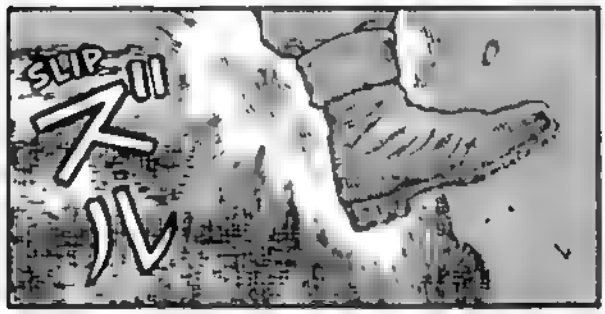

I FINALLY GET TO USE THIS THI...
...HMPH.
SHAKE
SHAKE
SHAKE
ST***LANT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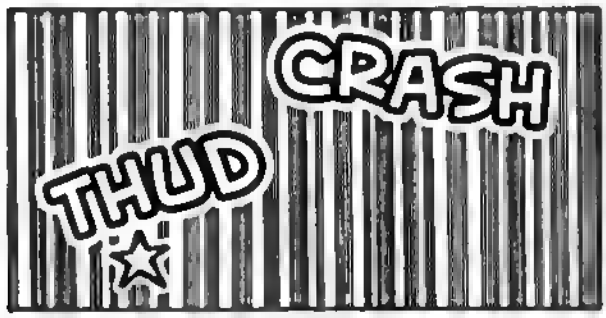
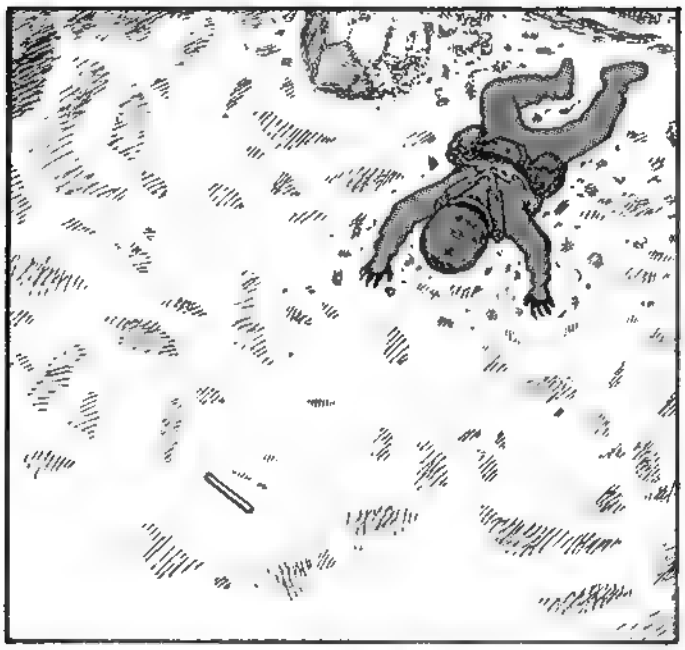
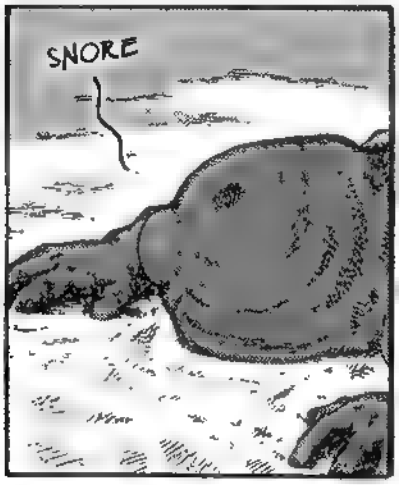
ズレ

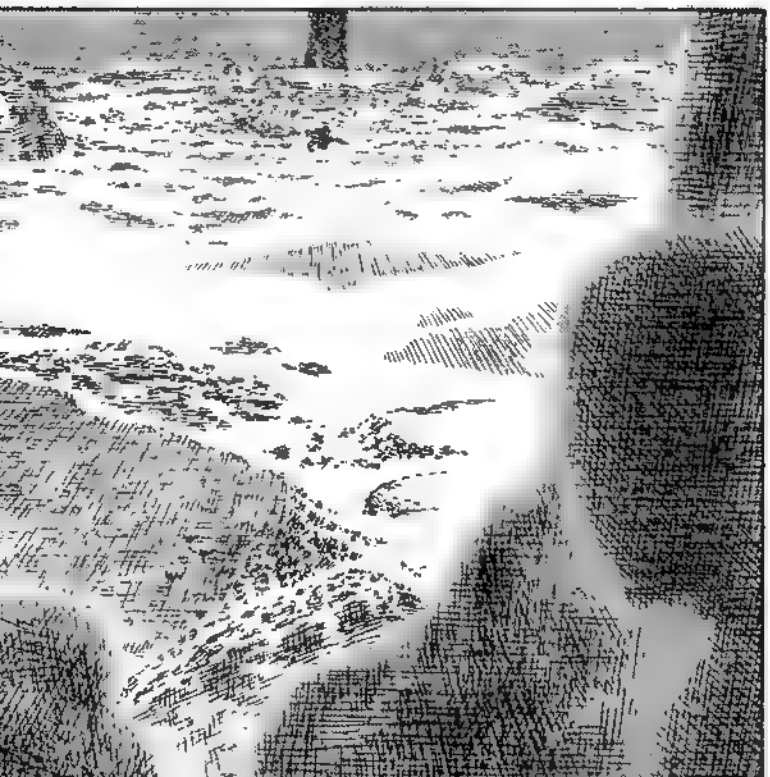

CRASH
THUD

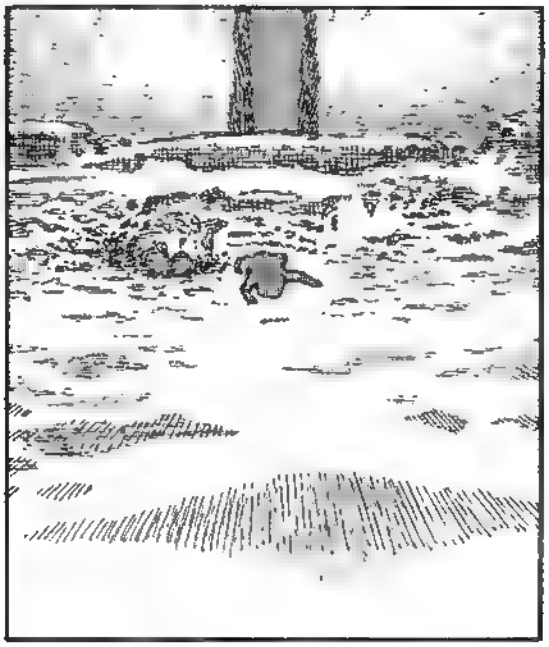
WAH WAH WAH!

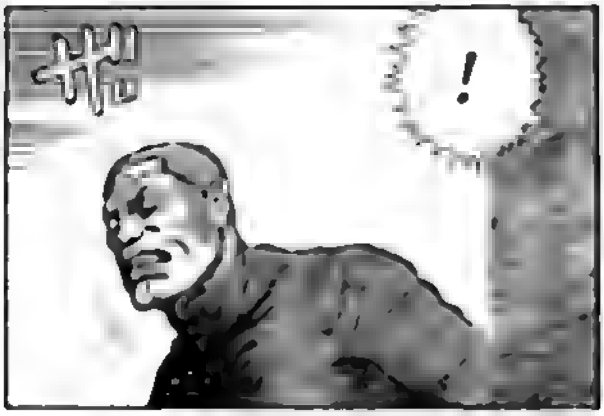



SNORE

OOF...



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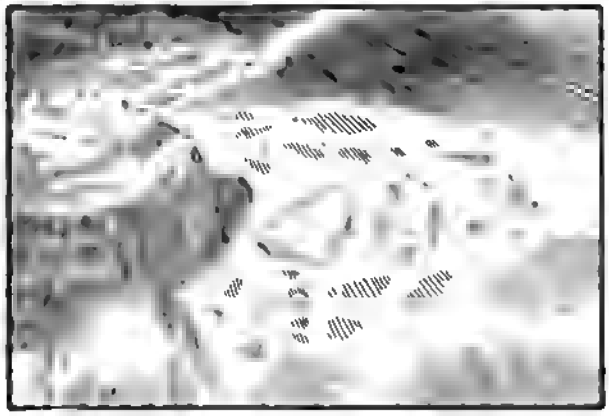
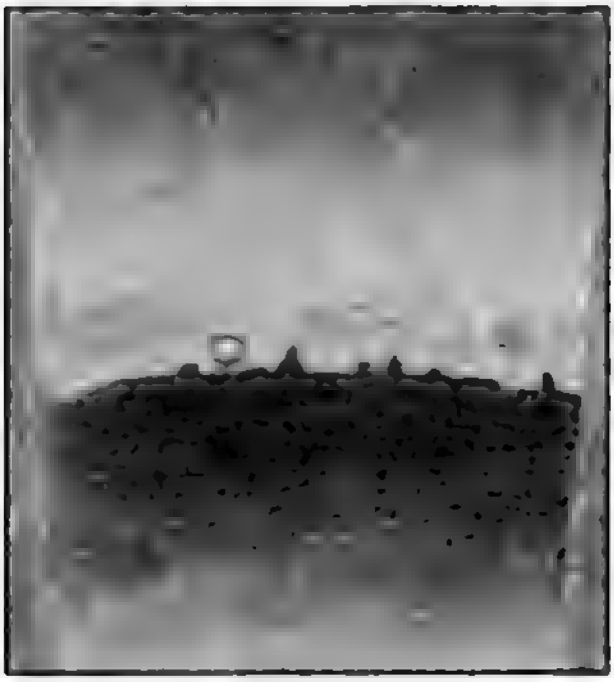
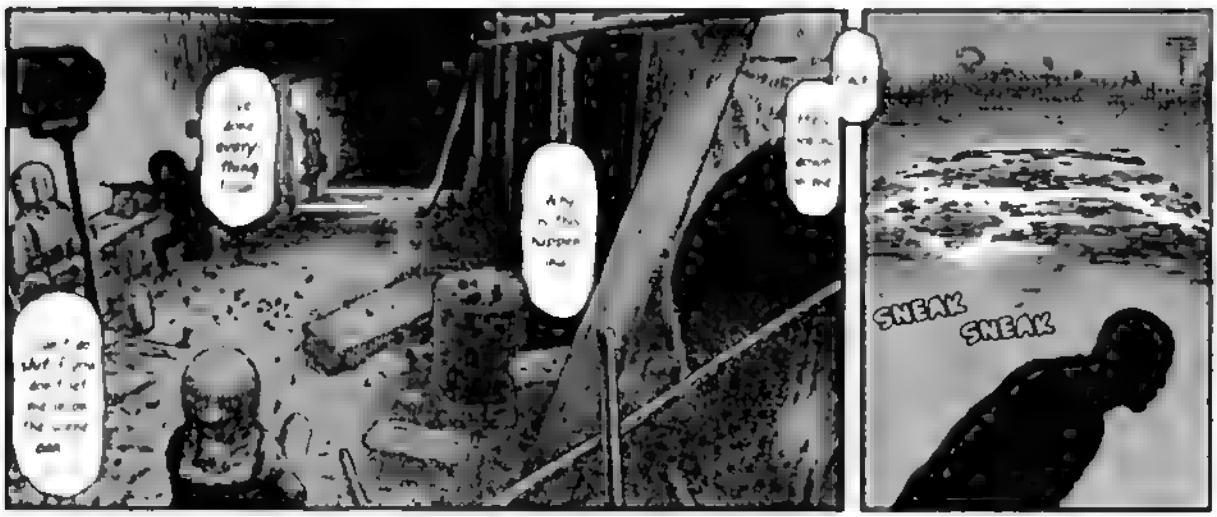


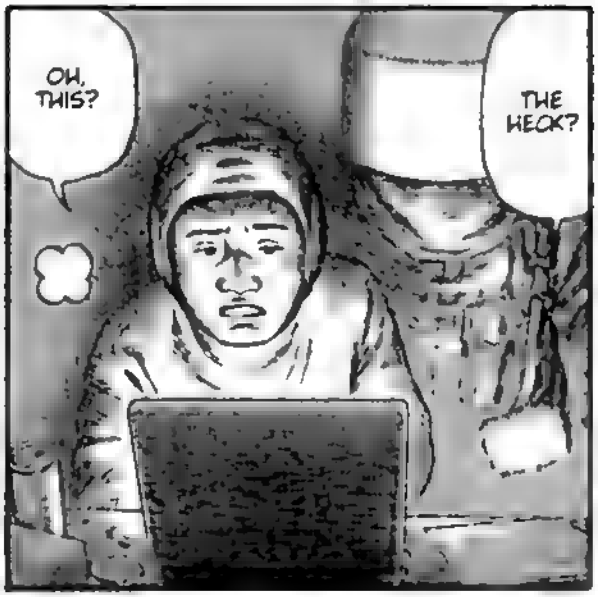


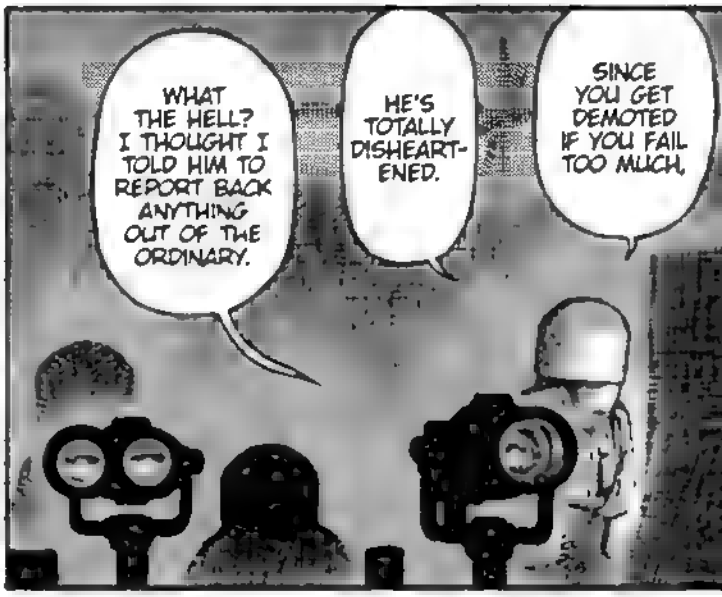
SNEAK


SNEAK
SNEAK

ROT-TING AWAY.
WHERE'S THE CAP-TAIN?

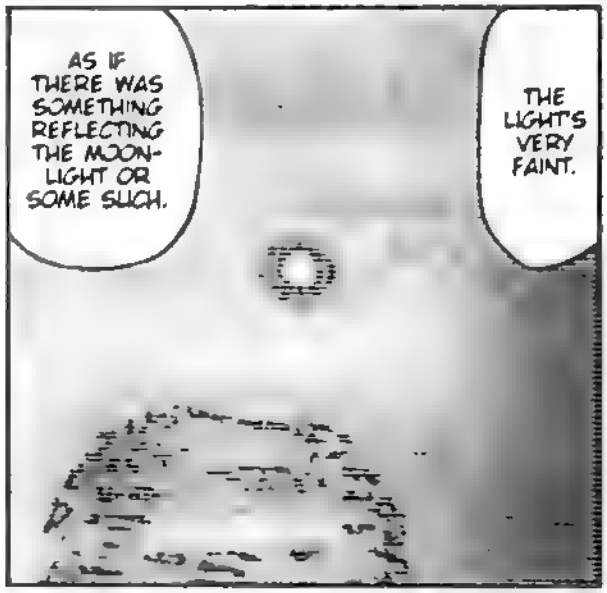
GUESS I'M STARTING OVER AS A SHITTY GRUNT.
Captain
THUMP
MUTTER
MUTTER
MUTTER
THIS IS IT I'M GETTING DEMOTED.

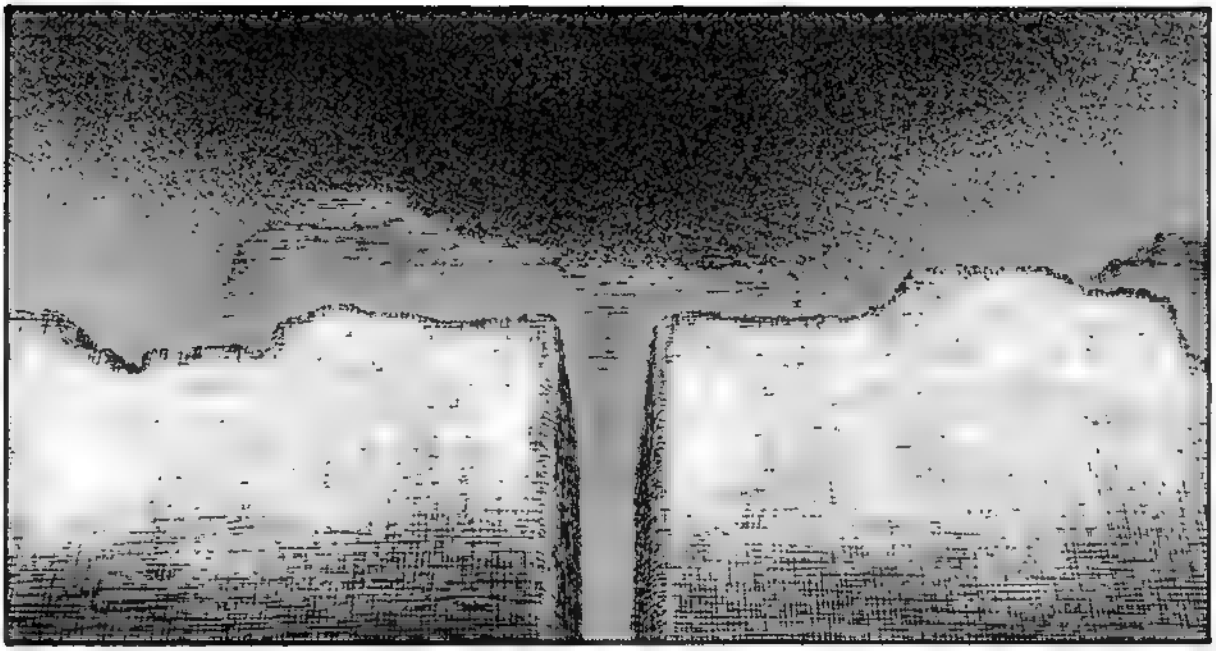

OH, THIS?
THE HECK?

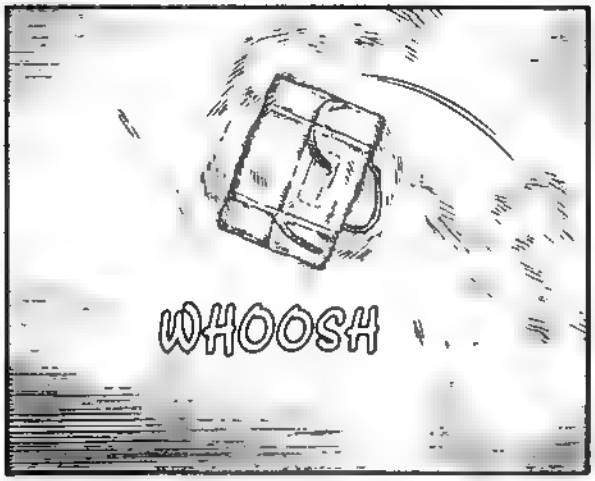

WHAT THE HELL? I THOUGHT I TOLD HIM TO REPORT BACK ANYTHING OUT OF THE ORDINARY.
HE'S TOTALLY DISHEARTENED.
SINCE YOU GET DEMOTED IF YOU FAIL TOO MUCH,

THERE'S SOMETHING LIT UP...
I CAUGHT A GLIMPSE OF IT JUST NOW.
...DEEP INSIDE THIS PATH.

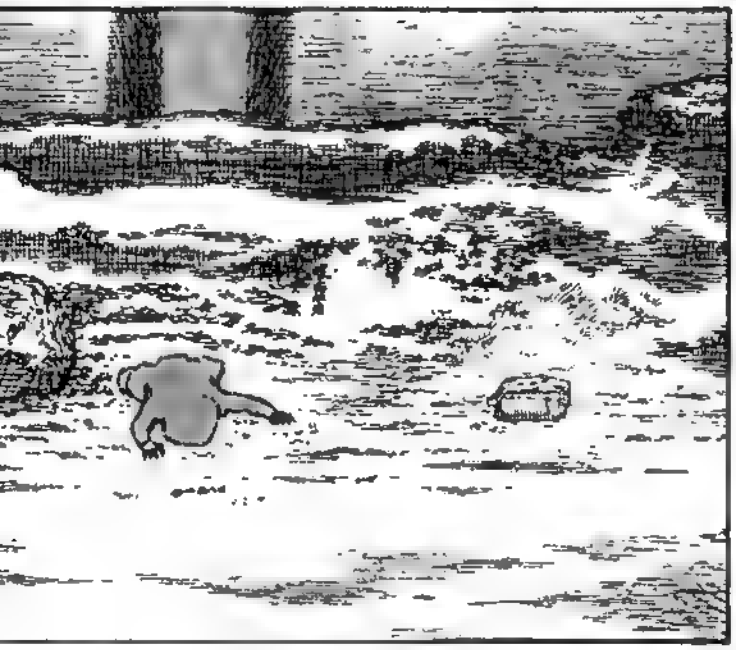
SO WHAT IS IT?
MAYBE IT'S SOMETHING SOMEBODY DROPPED?

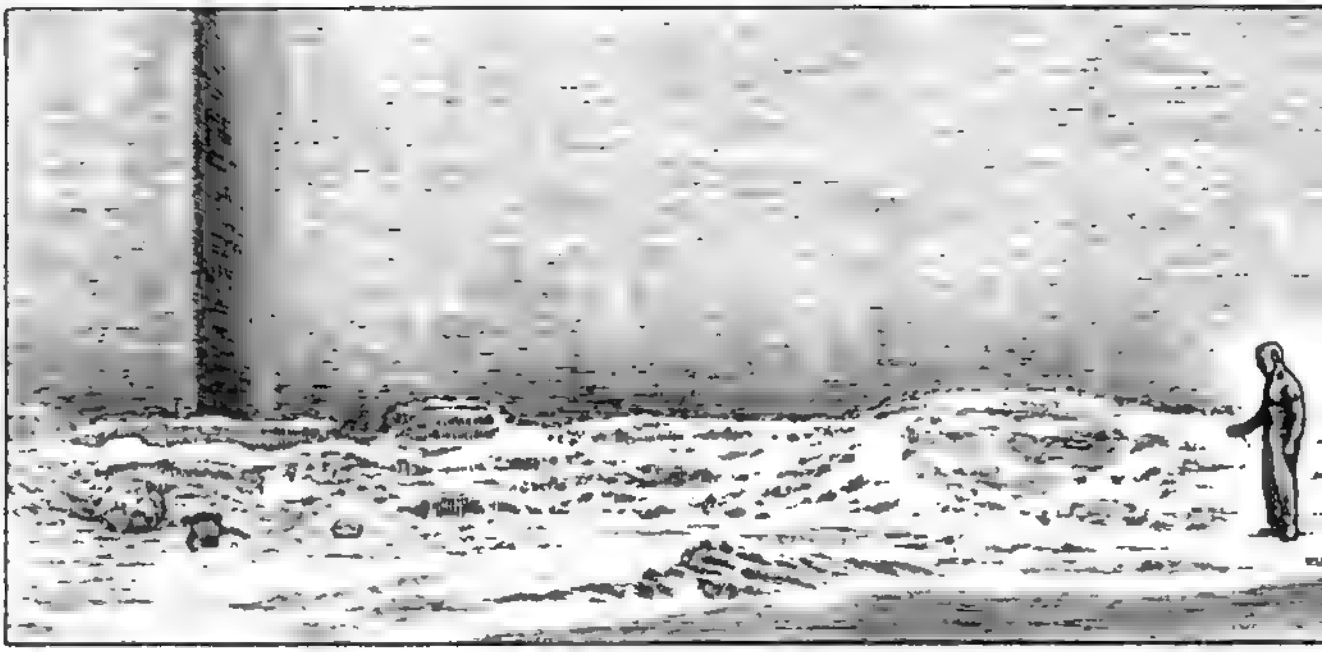

AS IF THERE WAS SOMETHING REFLECTING THE MOONLIGHT OR SOME SUCH.
THE LIGHT'S VERY FAINT.



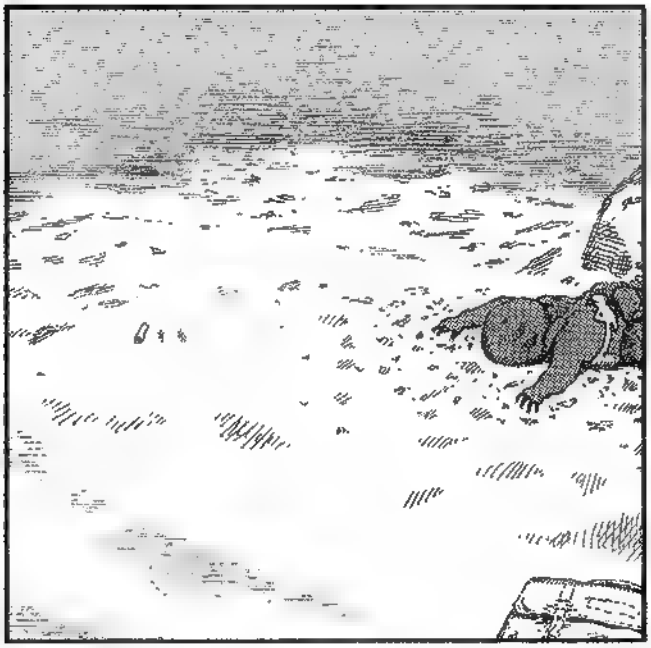


LABEL: HANDLE WITH CARE





CLENCH



TWITCH
TWITCH

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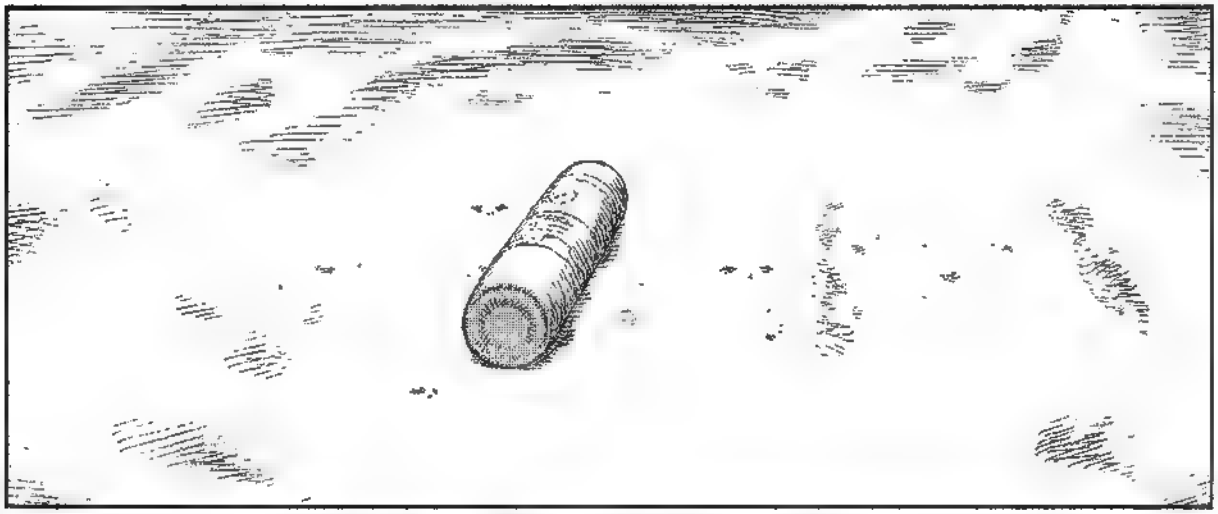
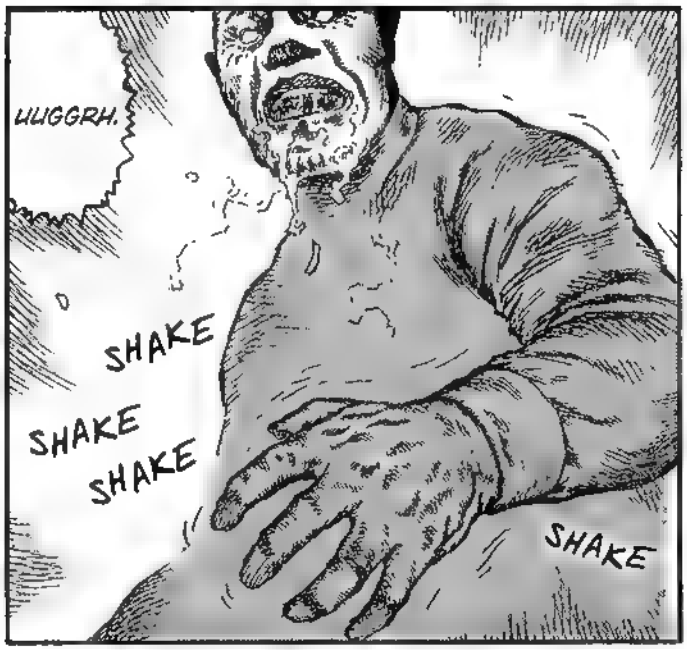
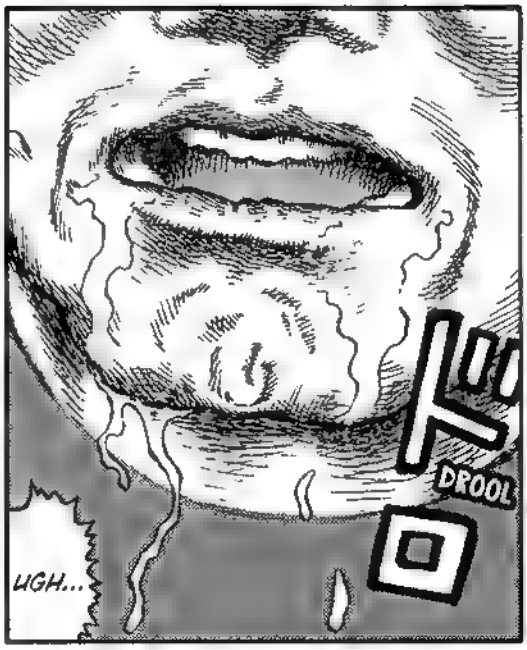
SWEAT

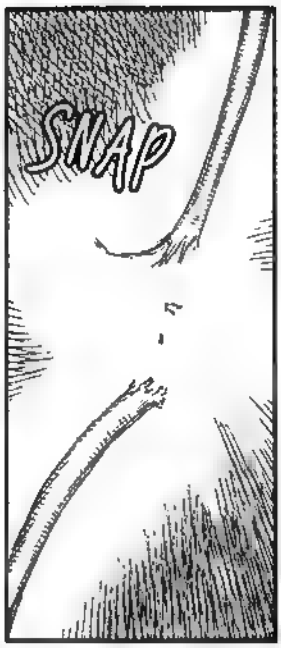


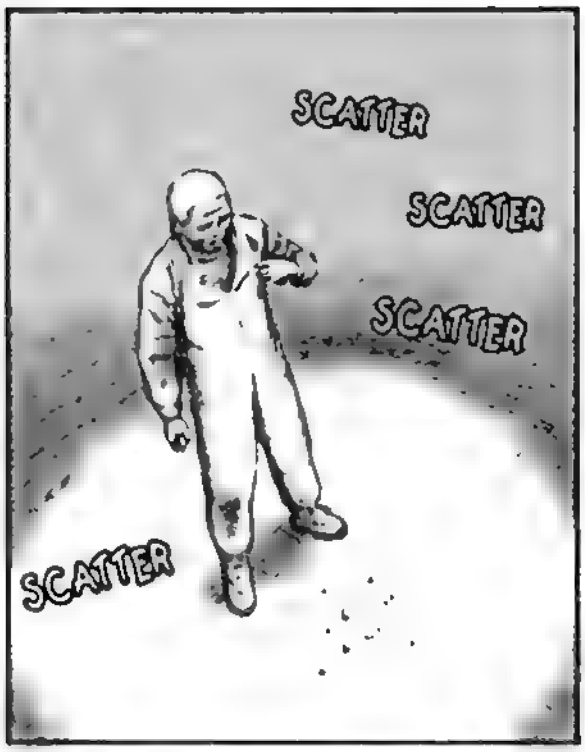
BA - DUMP


UUGGRH.
SHAKE
SHAKE
SHAKE
SHAKE


DROOL
UGH...

RIP


SWAP


SCATTER
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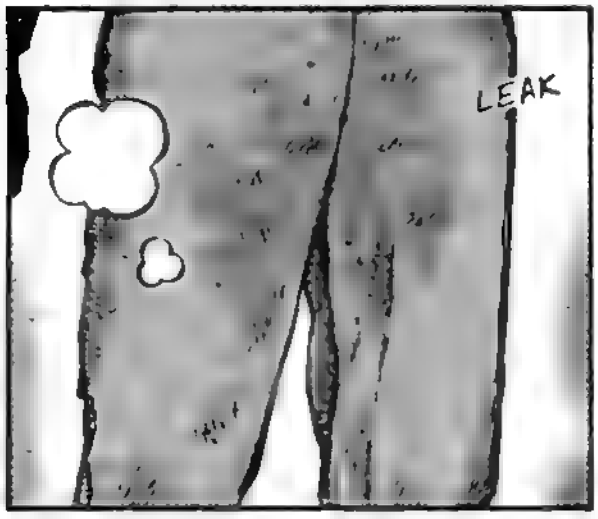
LEAK

YOU BROKE YOUR HUNTER'S CHARM.
AAAH...
THE MEMENTOS OF YOUR COMPANIONS.
THE MUMMIFIED PARTS OF YOUR FIRST CATCH.
THEY WON'T BE PROTECTING YOU ANYMORE.
THEY HAVE ABANDONED YOU.

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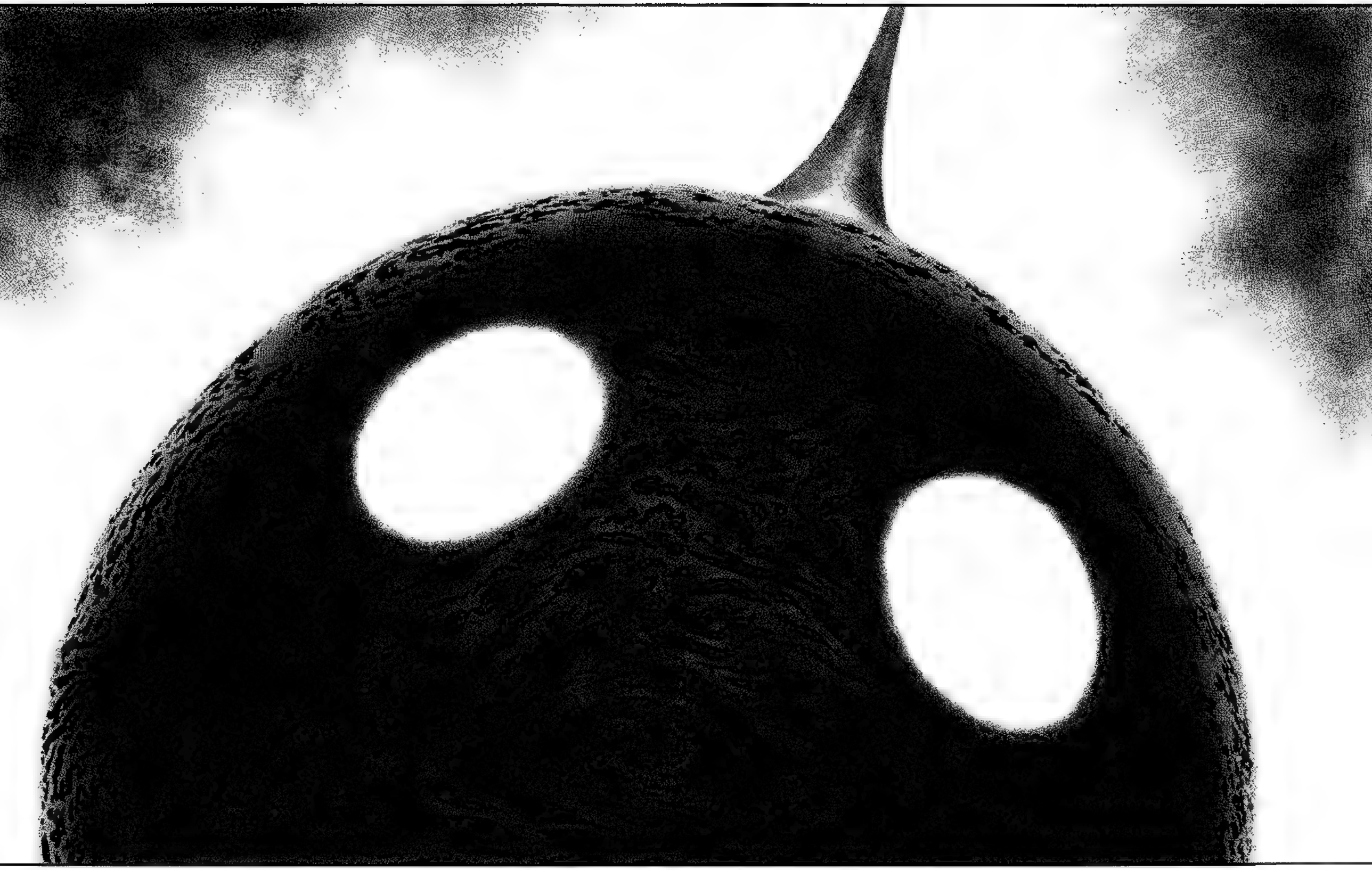

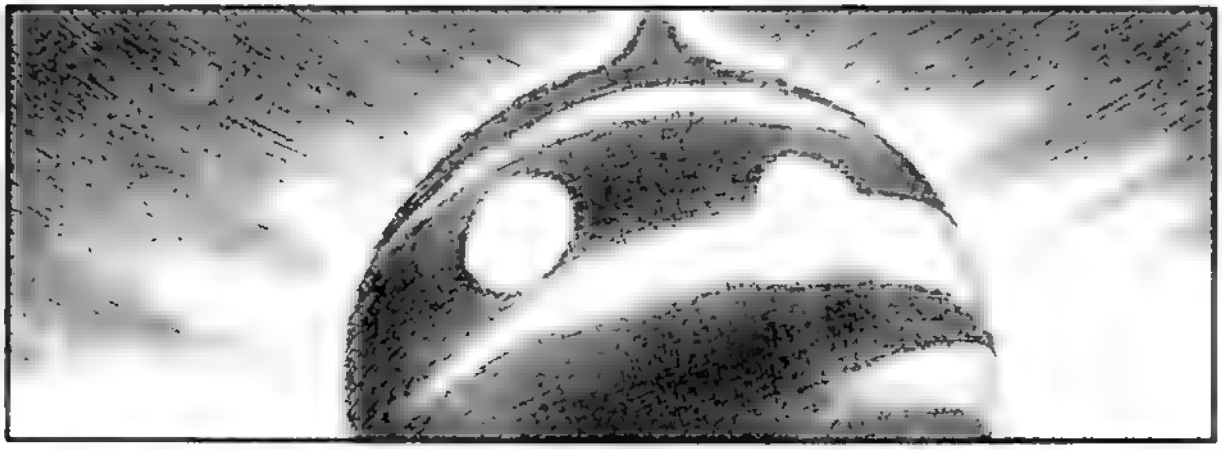

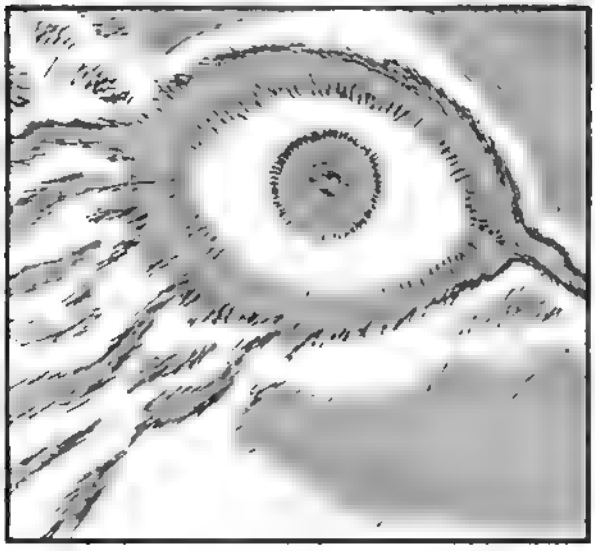

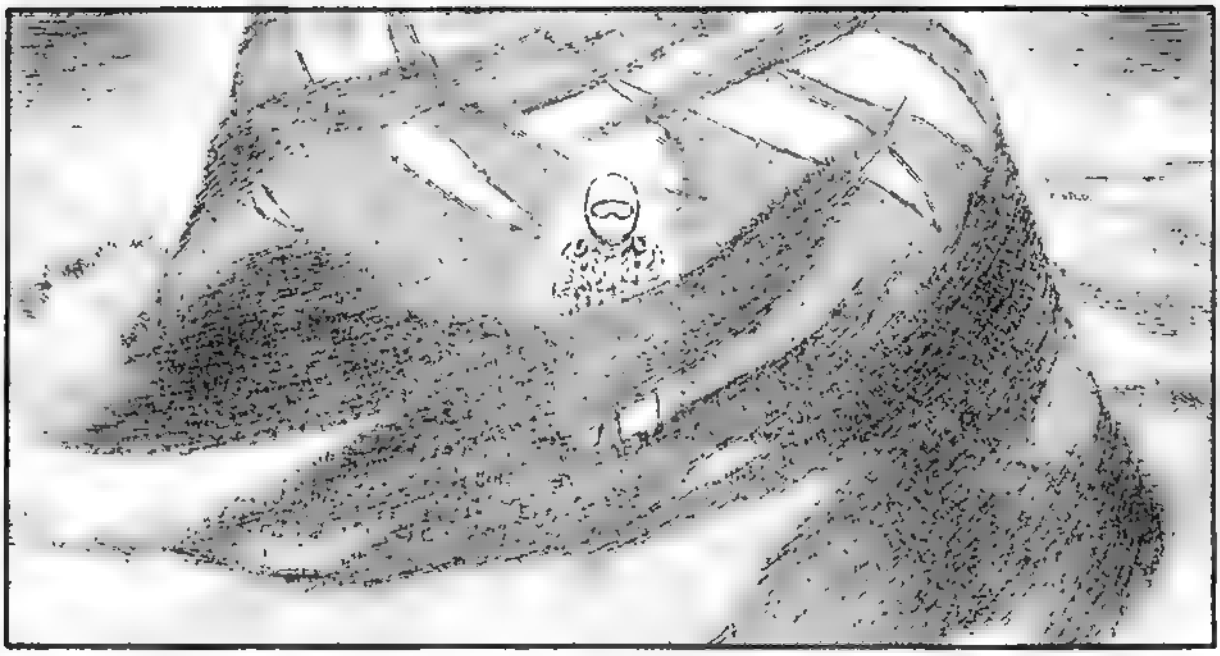

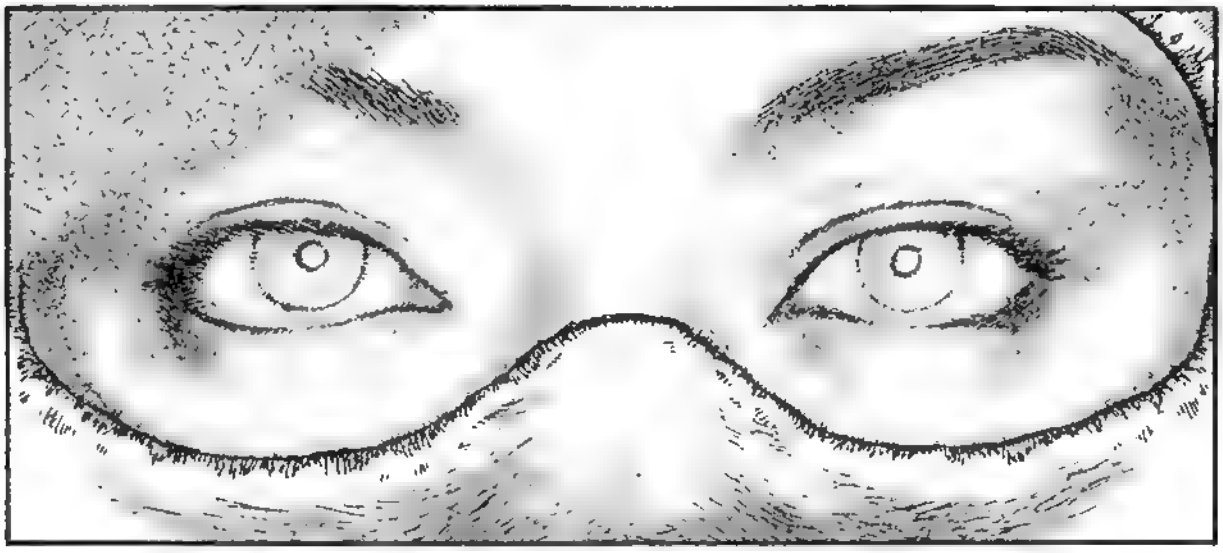

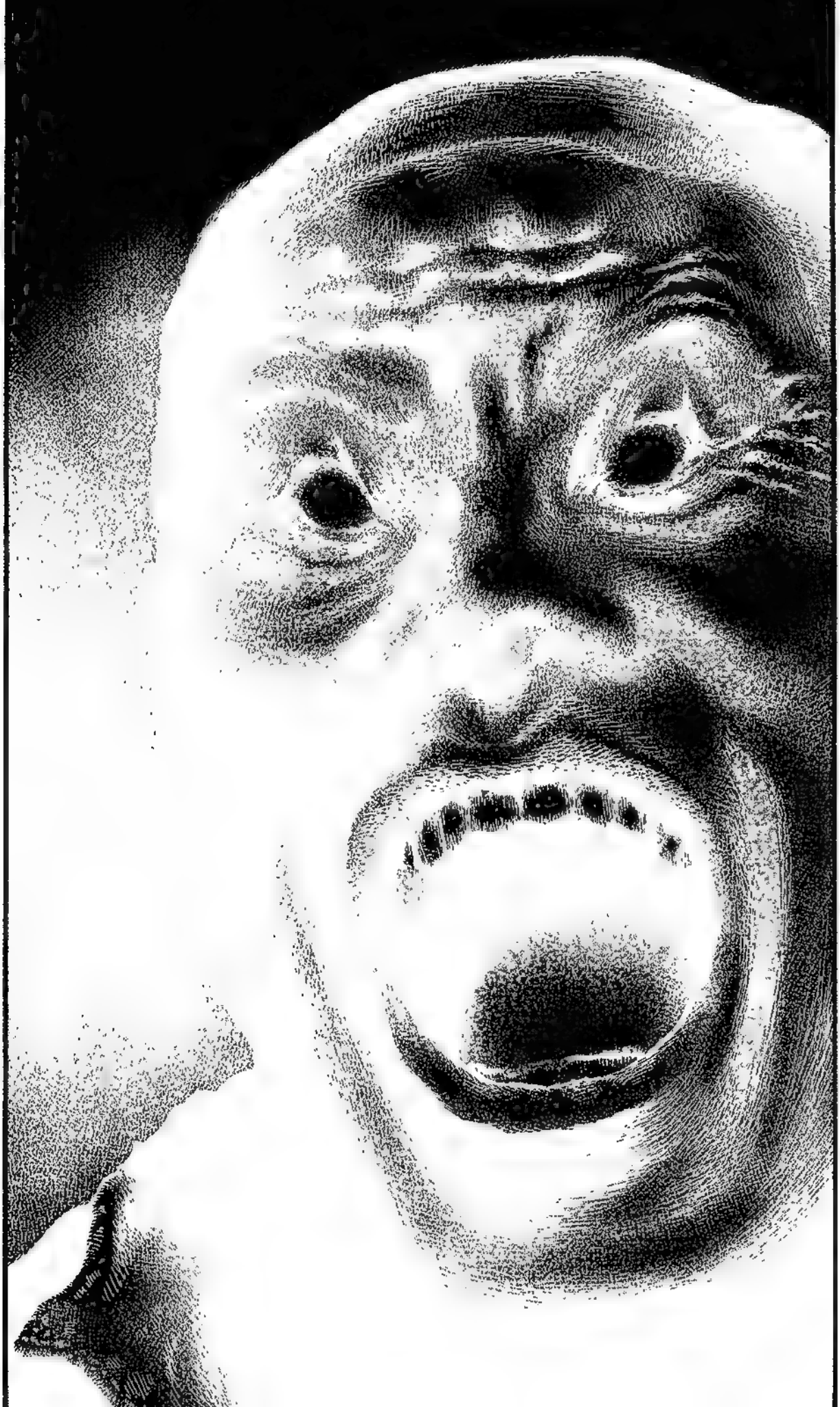

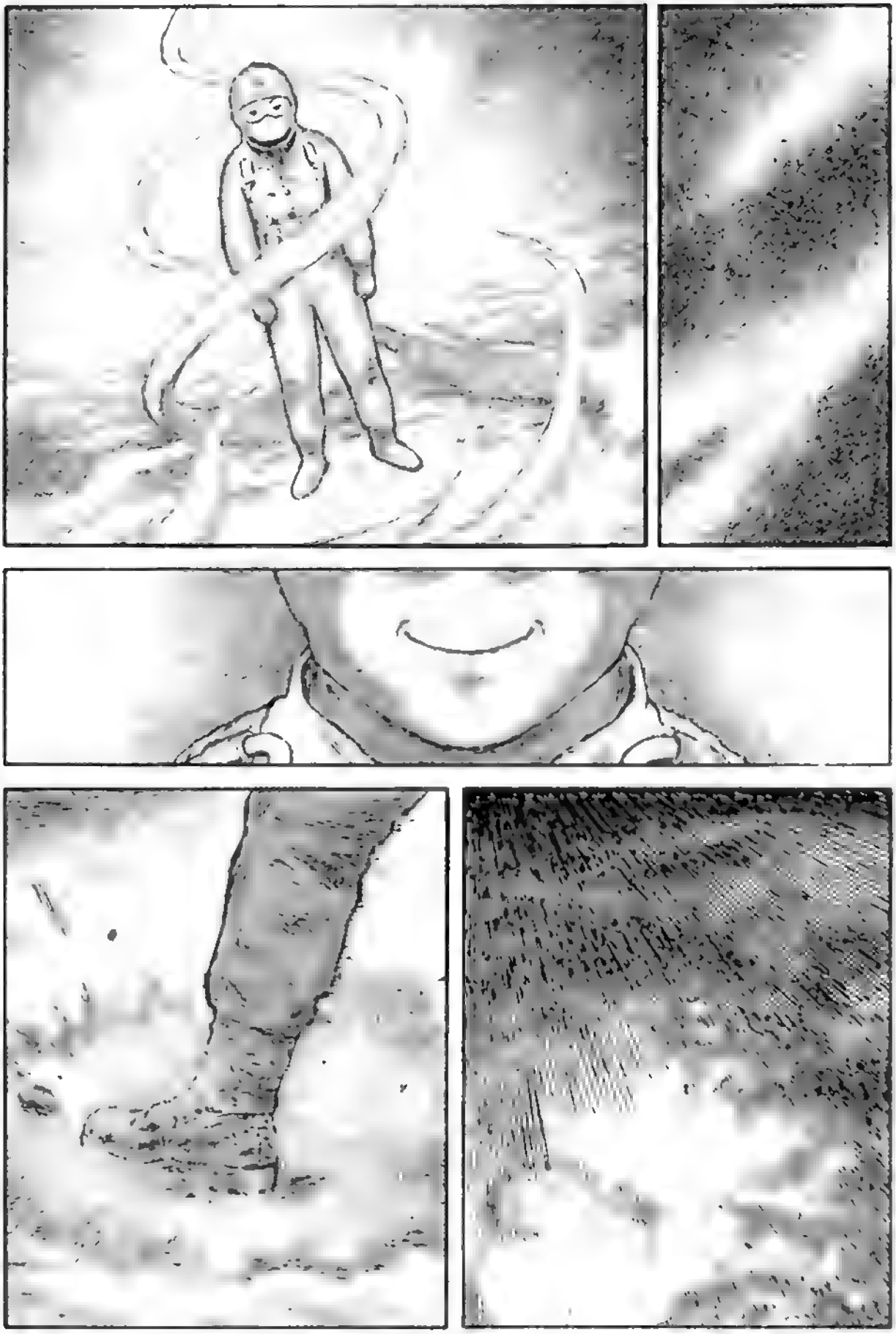

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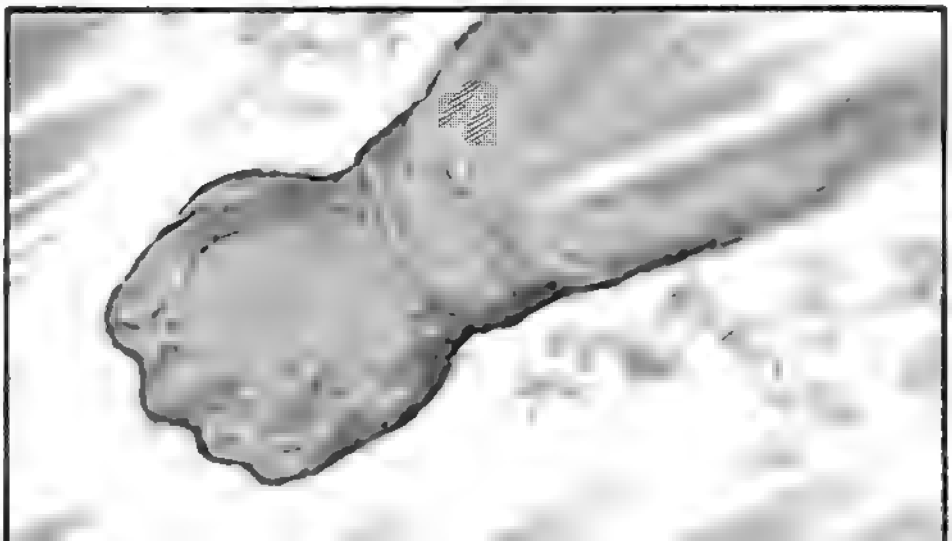
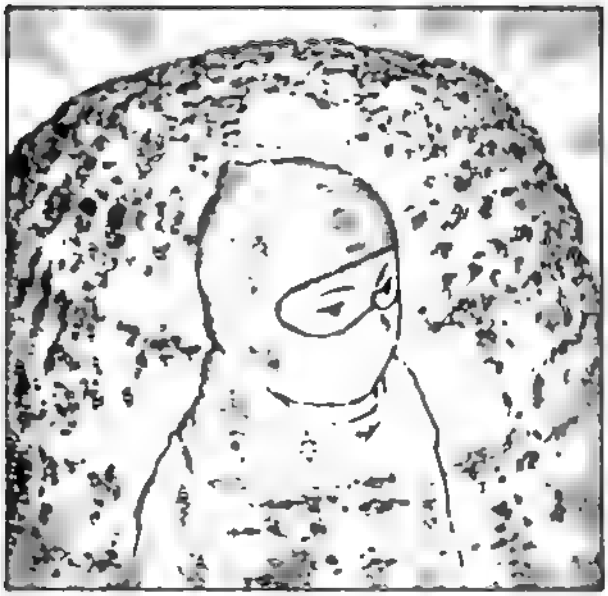
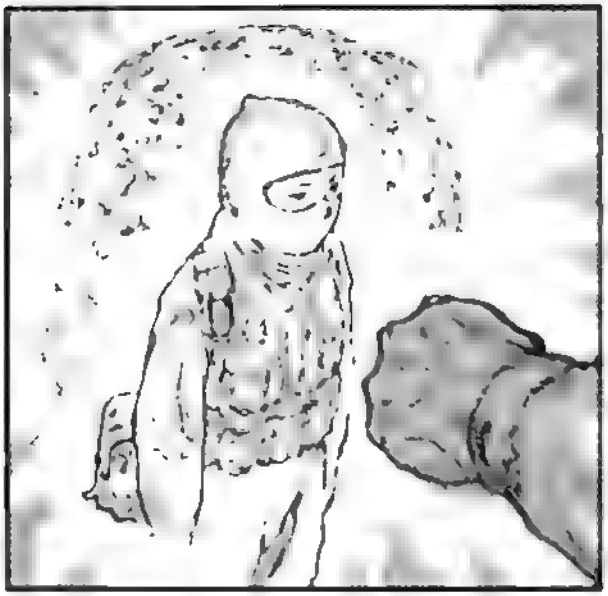
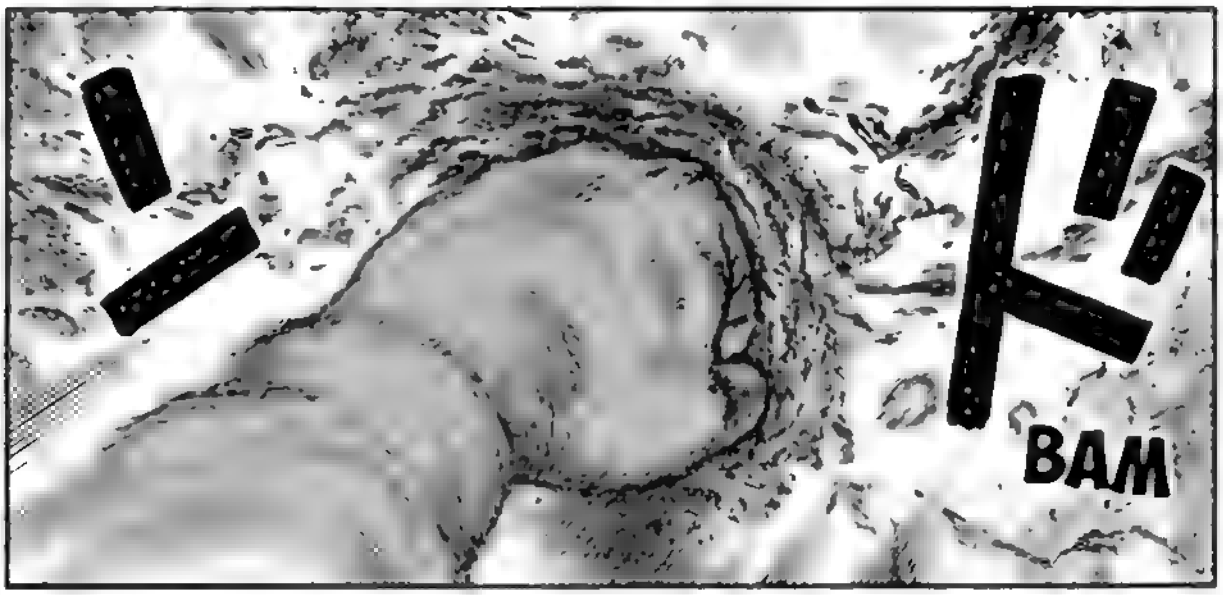
THUD








BAM

WHUMP

THUD

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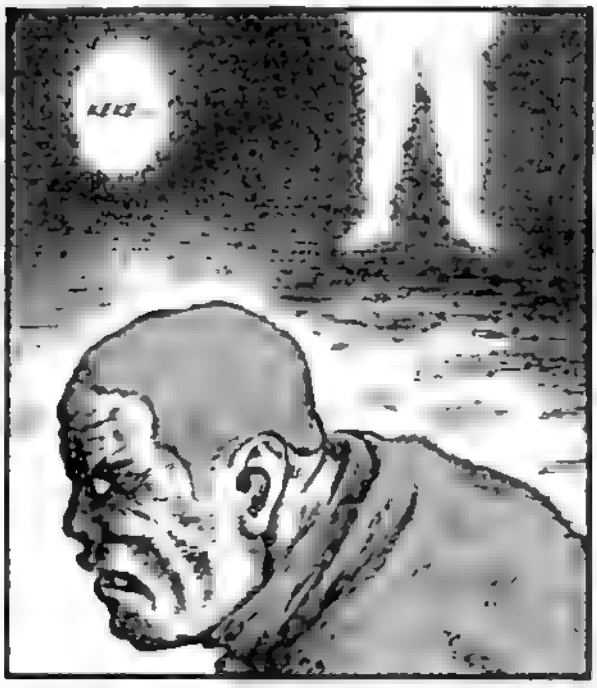
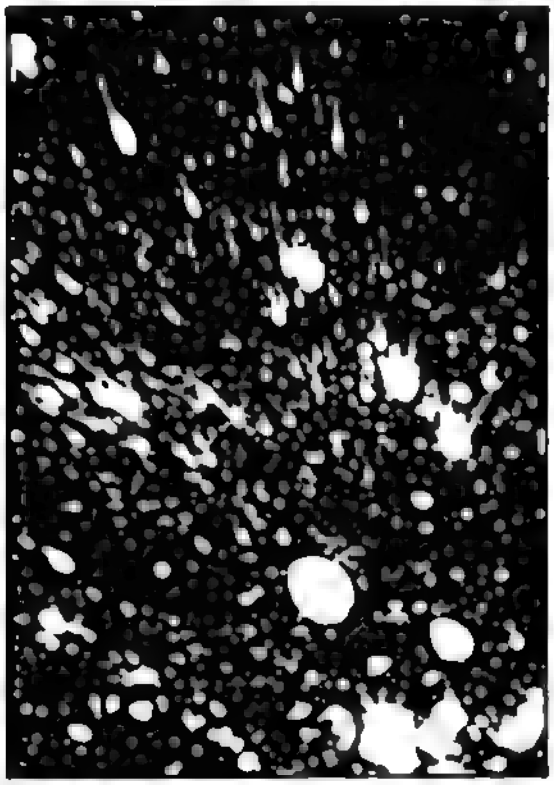
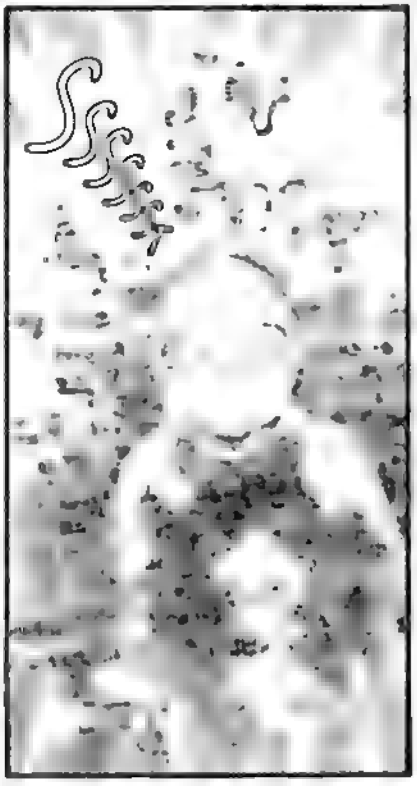
RISE



GU...
UGH!

DASH





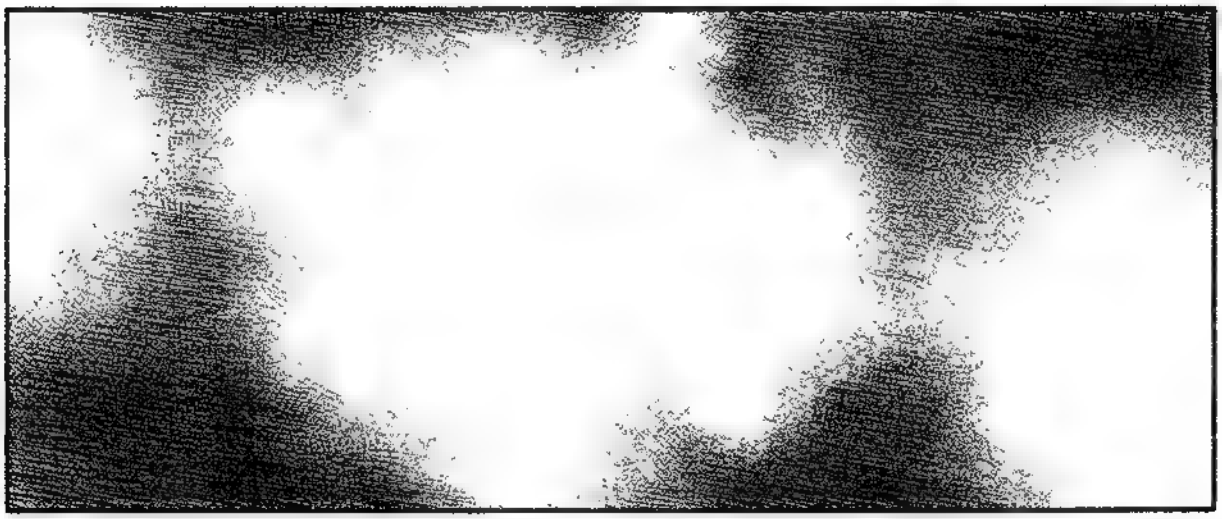
BANG
CRASH

DRIP
DRIP
DRIP

JOLT

MIST

WHOOSH



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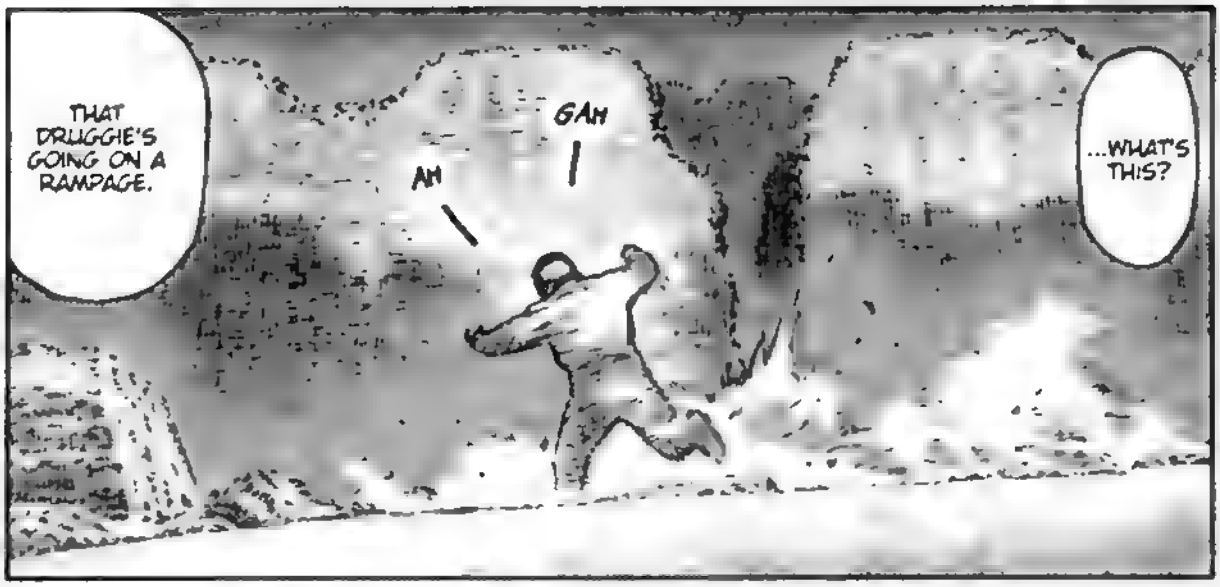
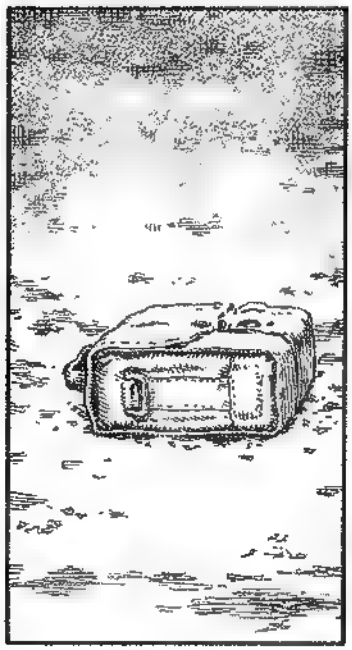
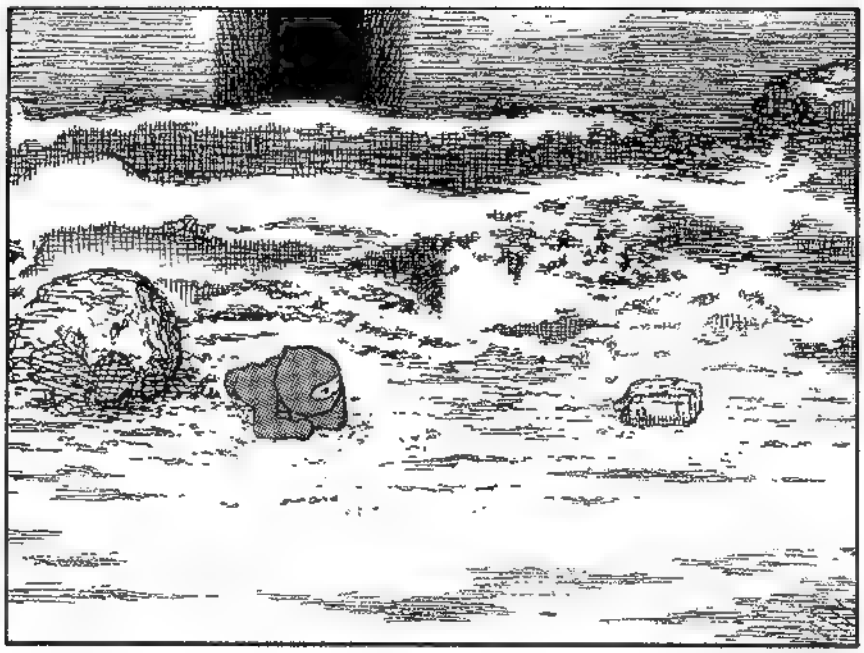
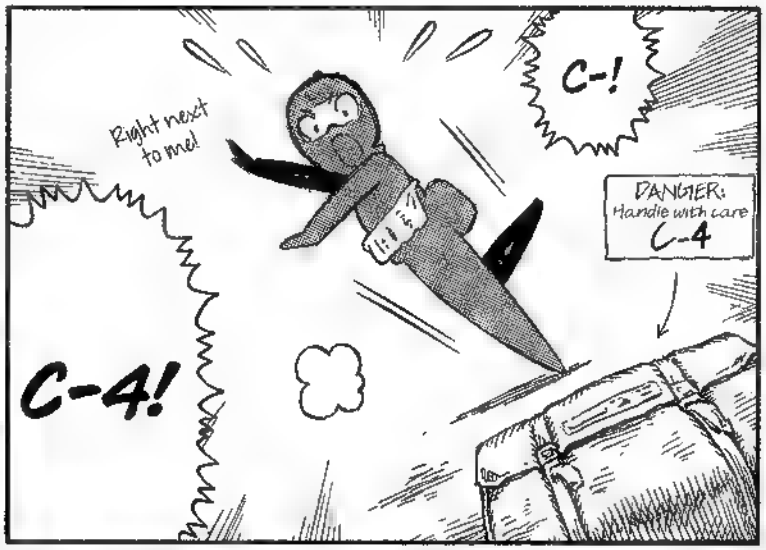

THAT DRUGGIE'S GOING ON A RAMPAGE.
AH
GAH
...WHAT'S THIS?

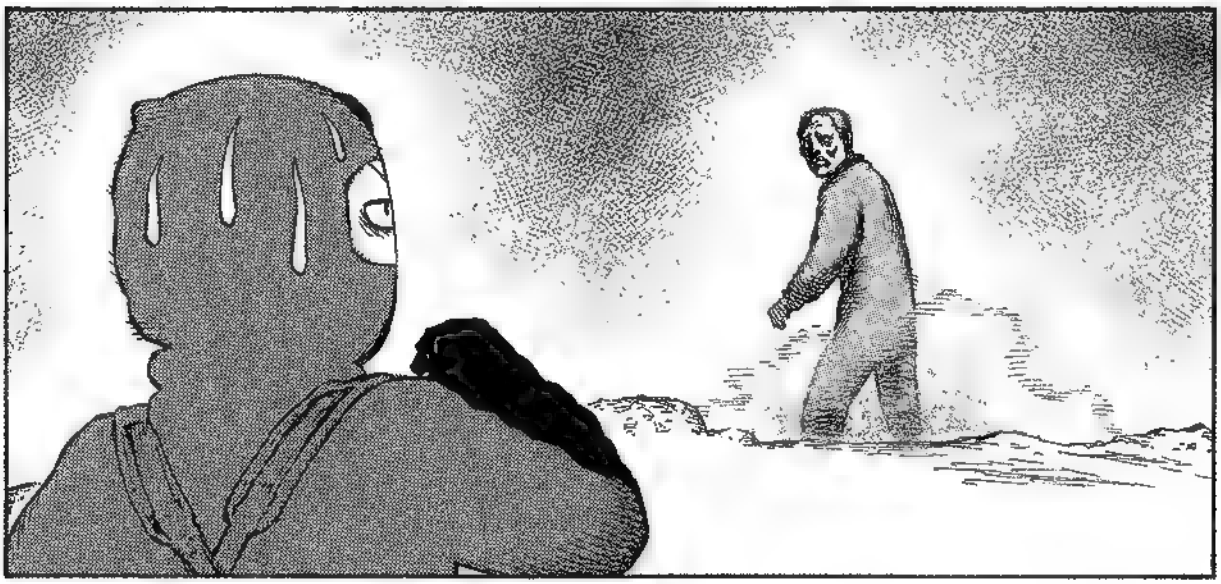
DAMN DRUGGIE...
NMPH
SO HE'S FINALLY GONE IN THE HEAD, EH?

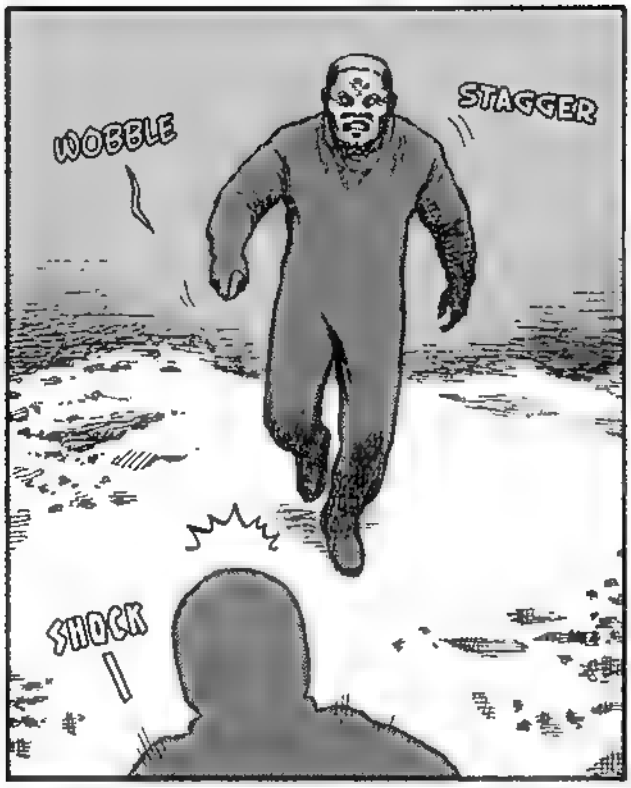




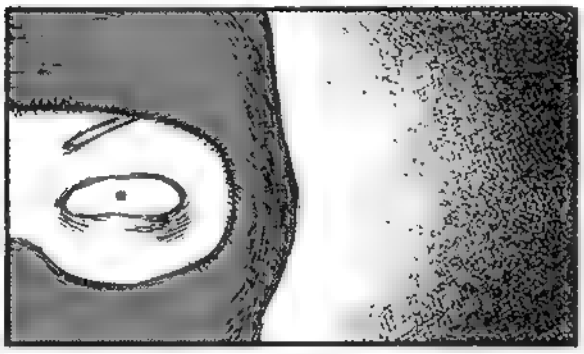
-GASP-

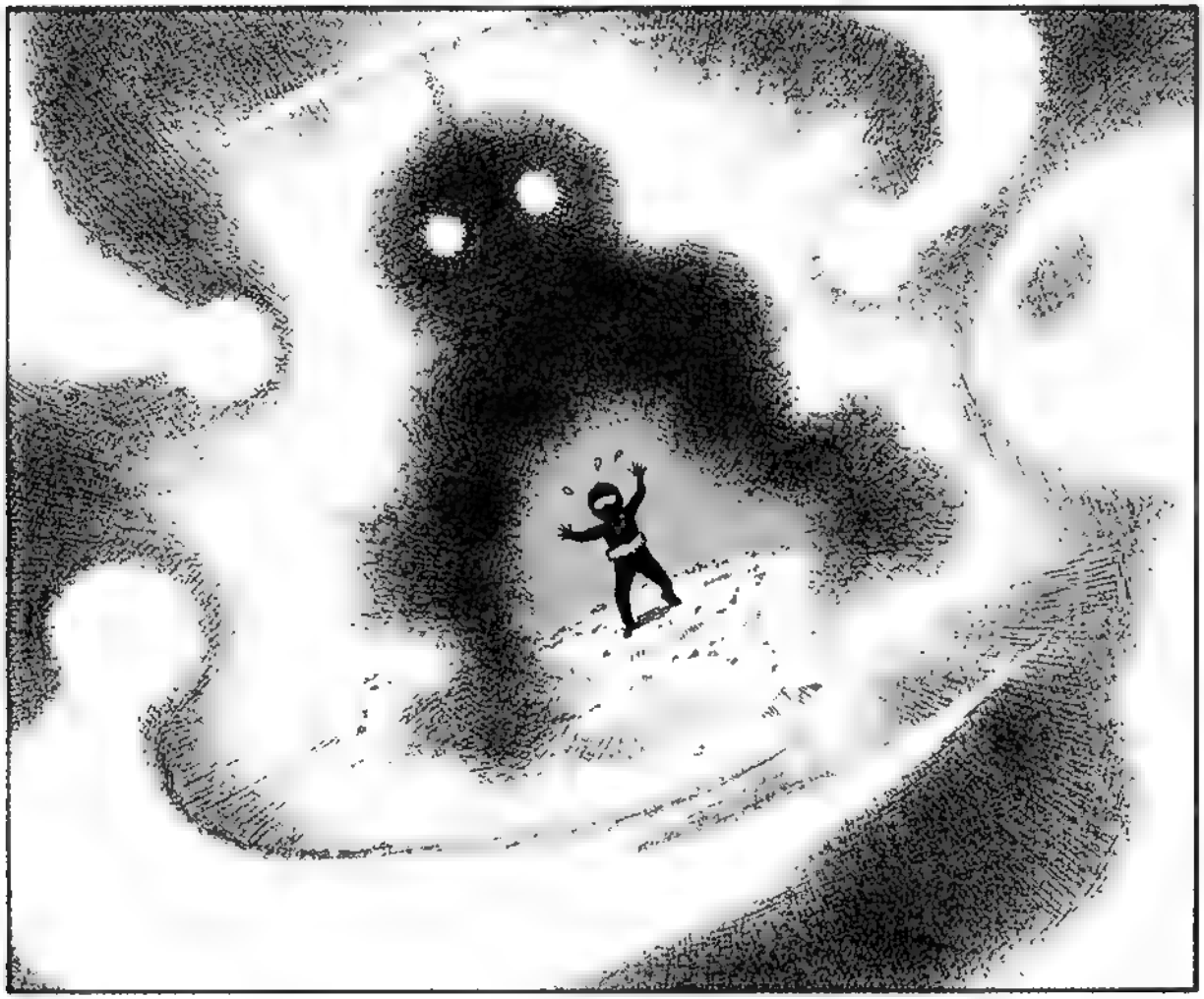

Right next to me!
C-!
DANGER: Handle with care C-4
C-4!

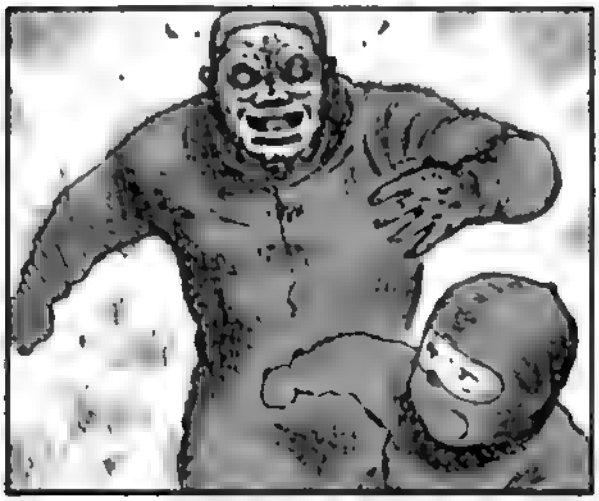


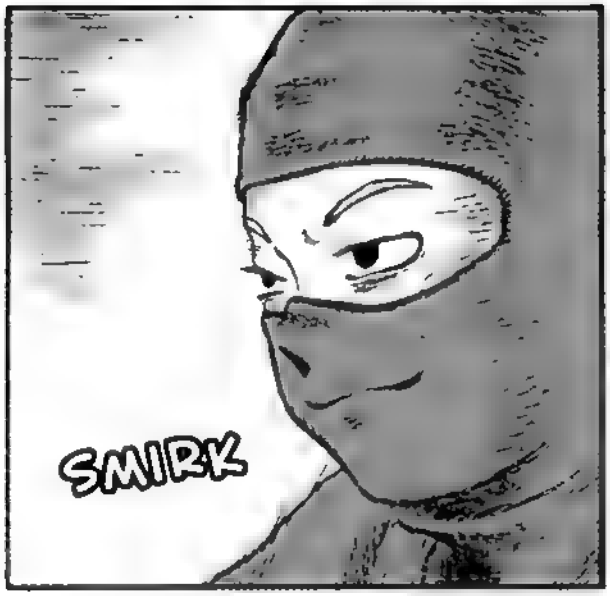

WOBBLE
STAGGER
SHOCK

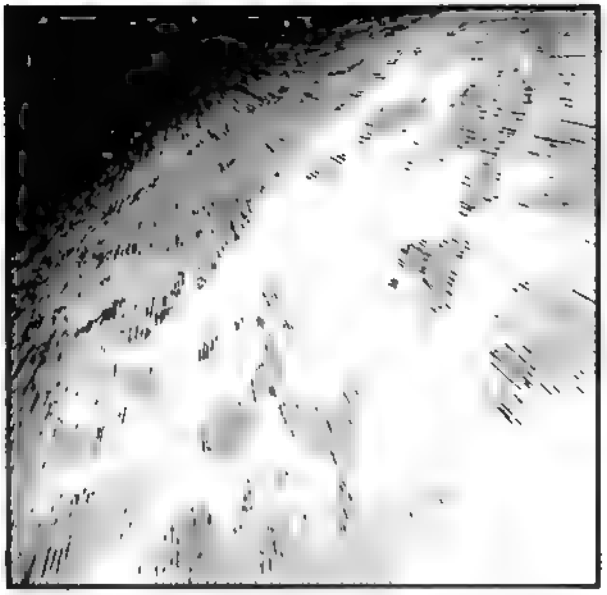
BA-DUMP
BA-DUMP
PANT
PANT

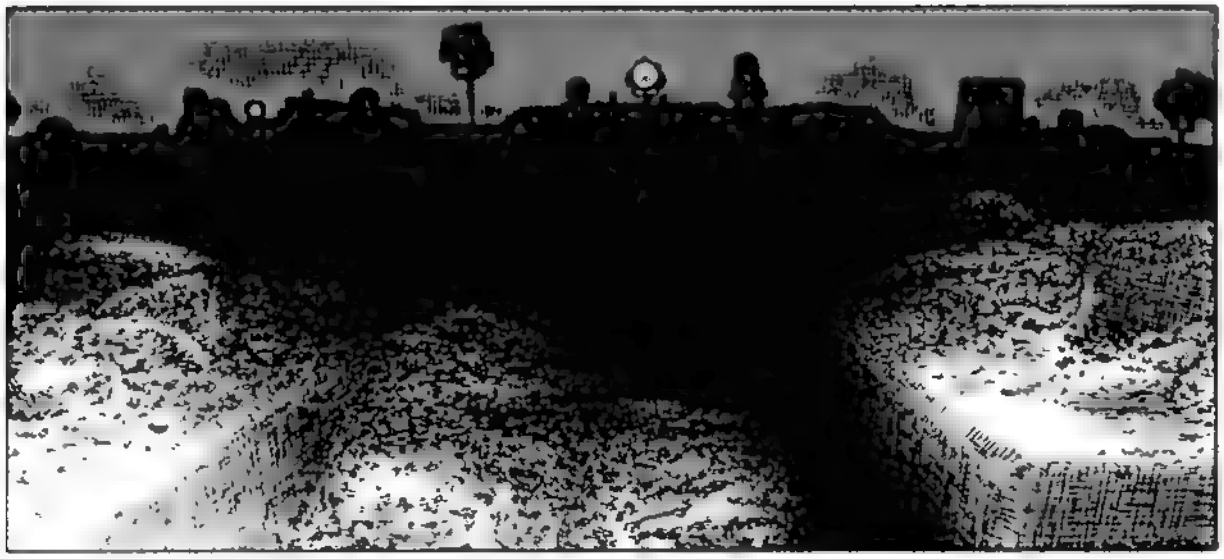




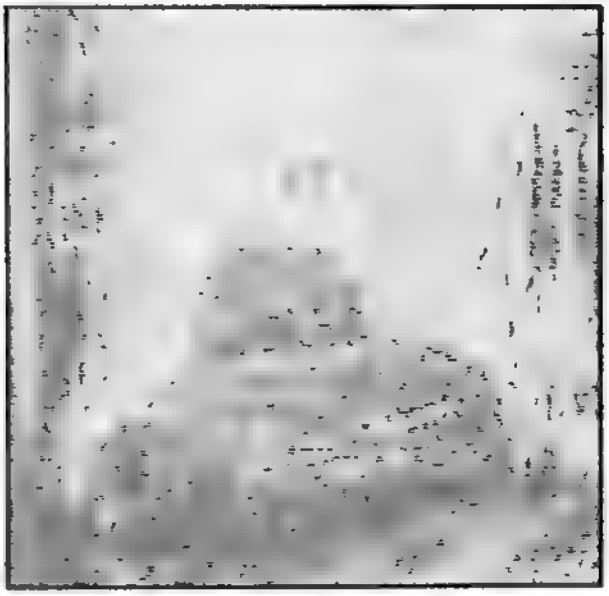



SMIRK

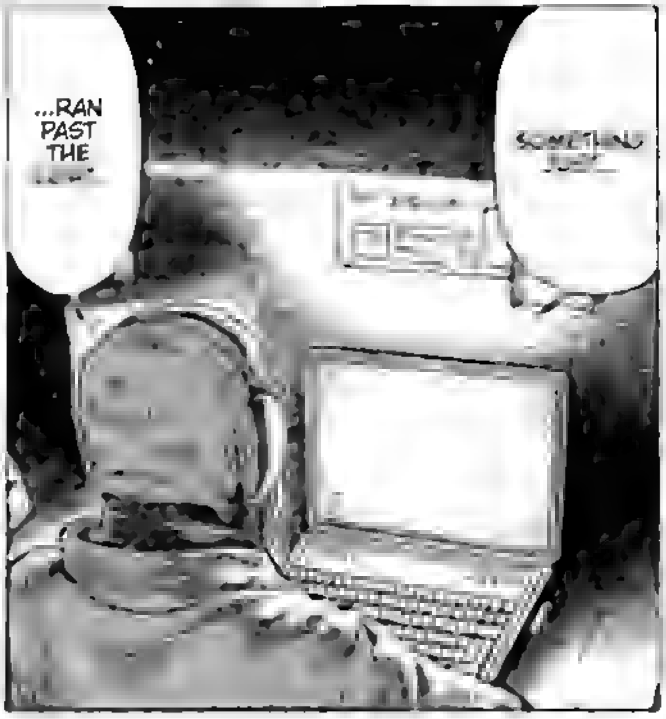




...HM?



IT FLASHED
NO, IT WAS NOWHERE
SIZE.
A PER-SON?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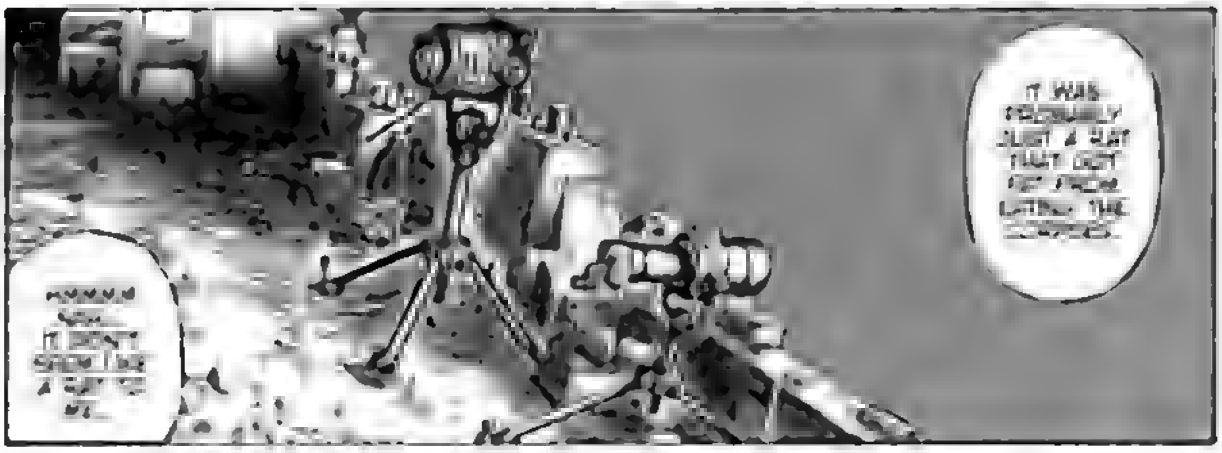

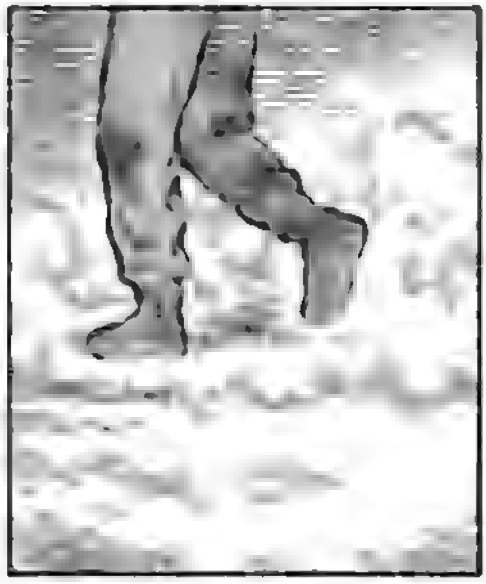

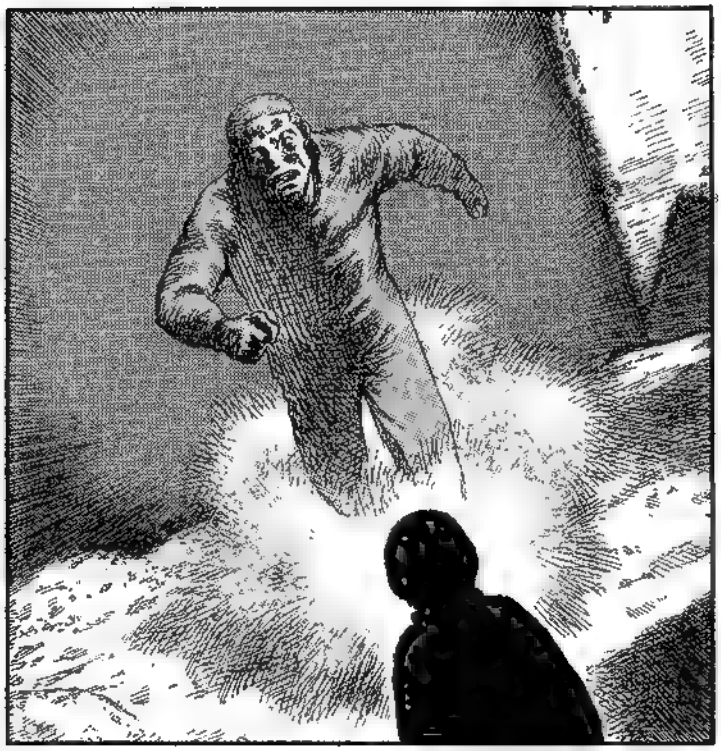

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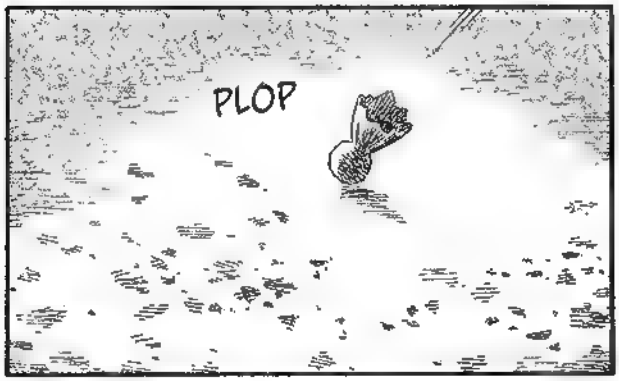
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FLING

THUD
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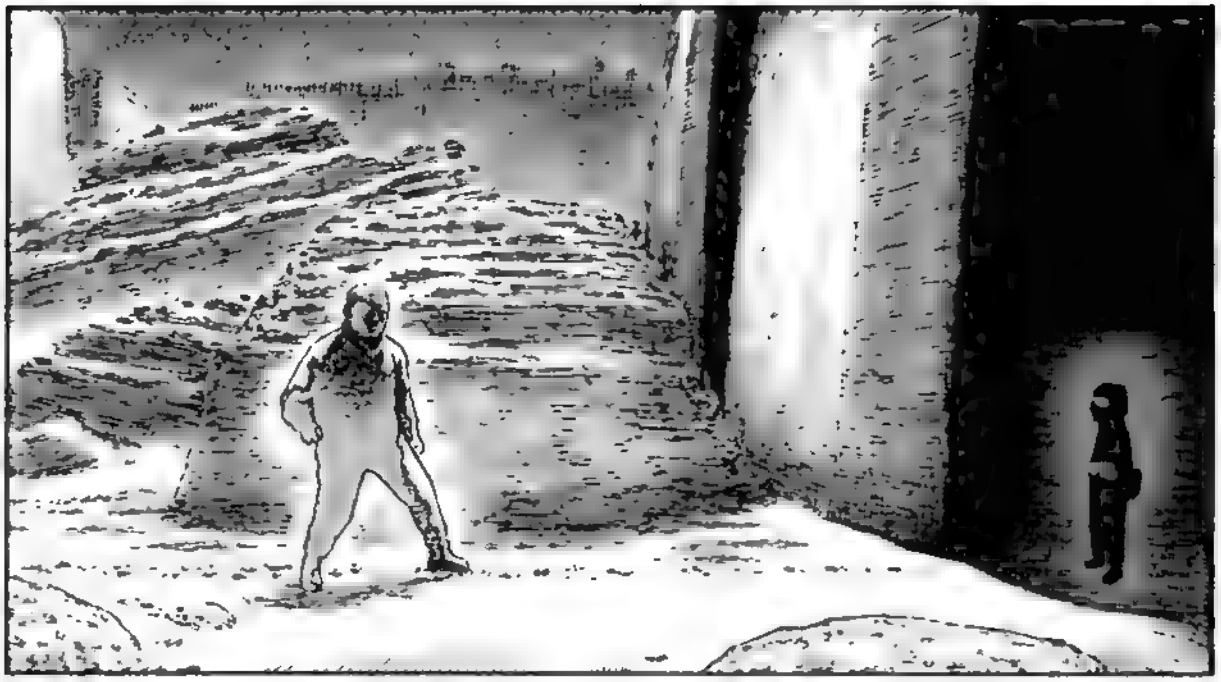

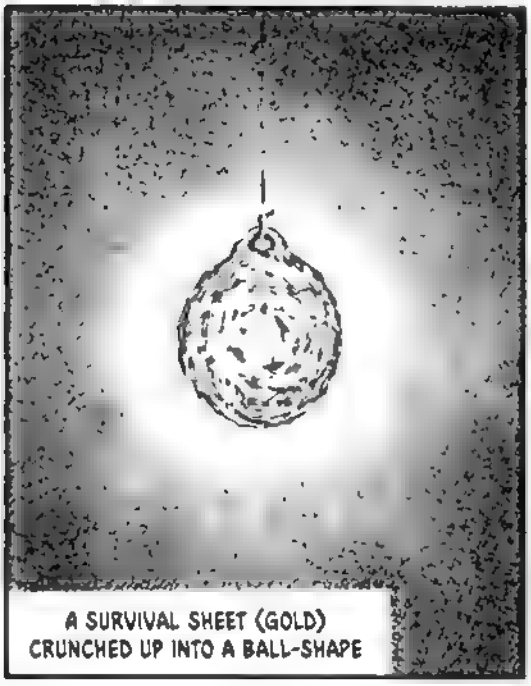
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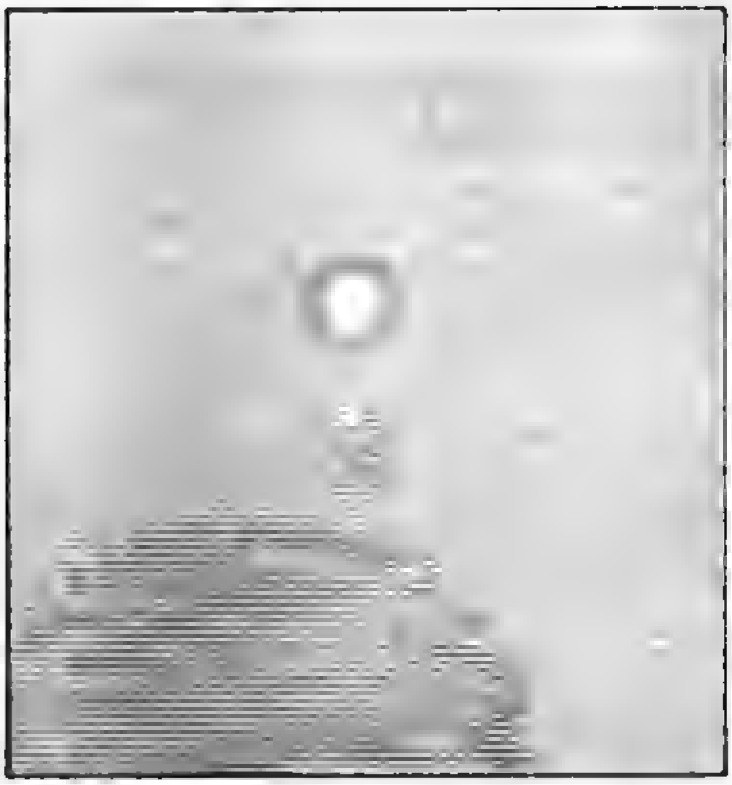

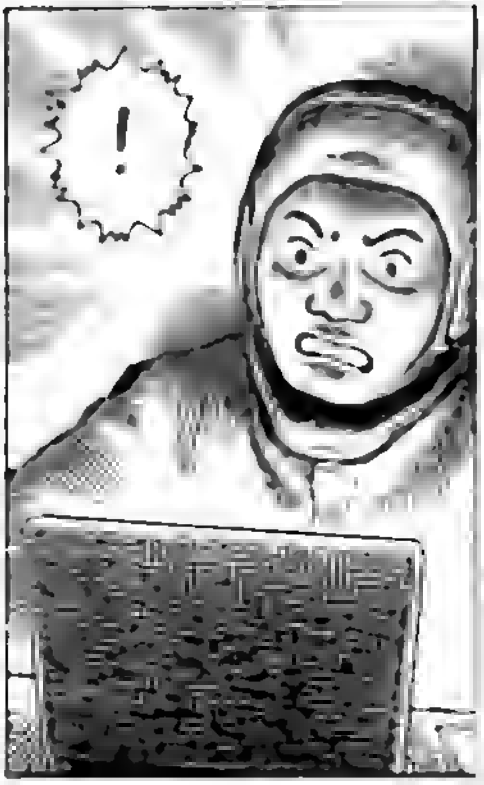

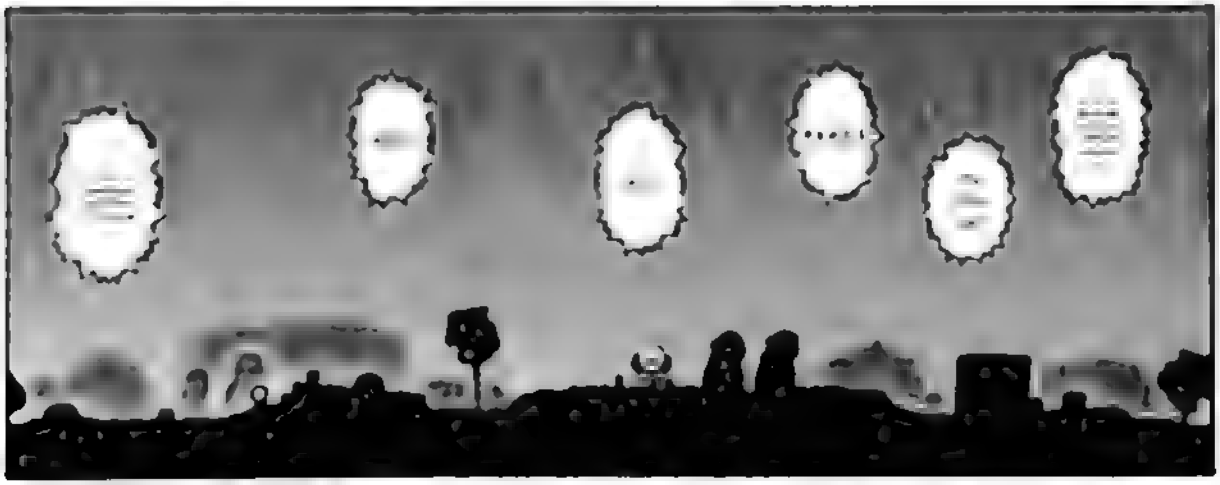

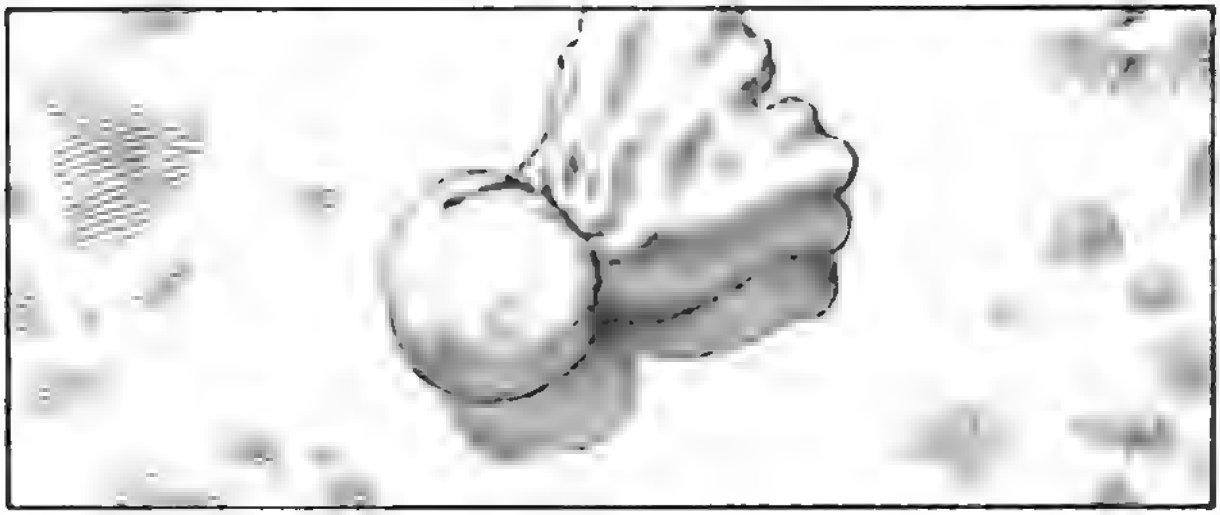

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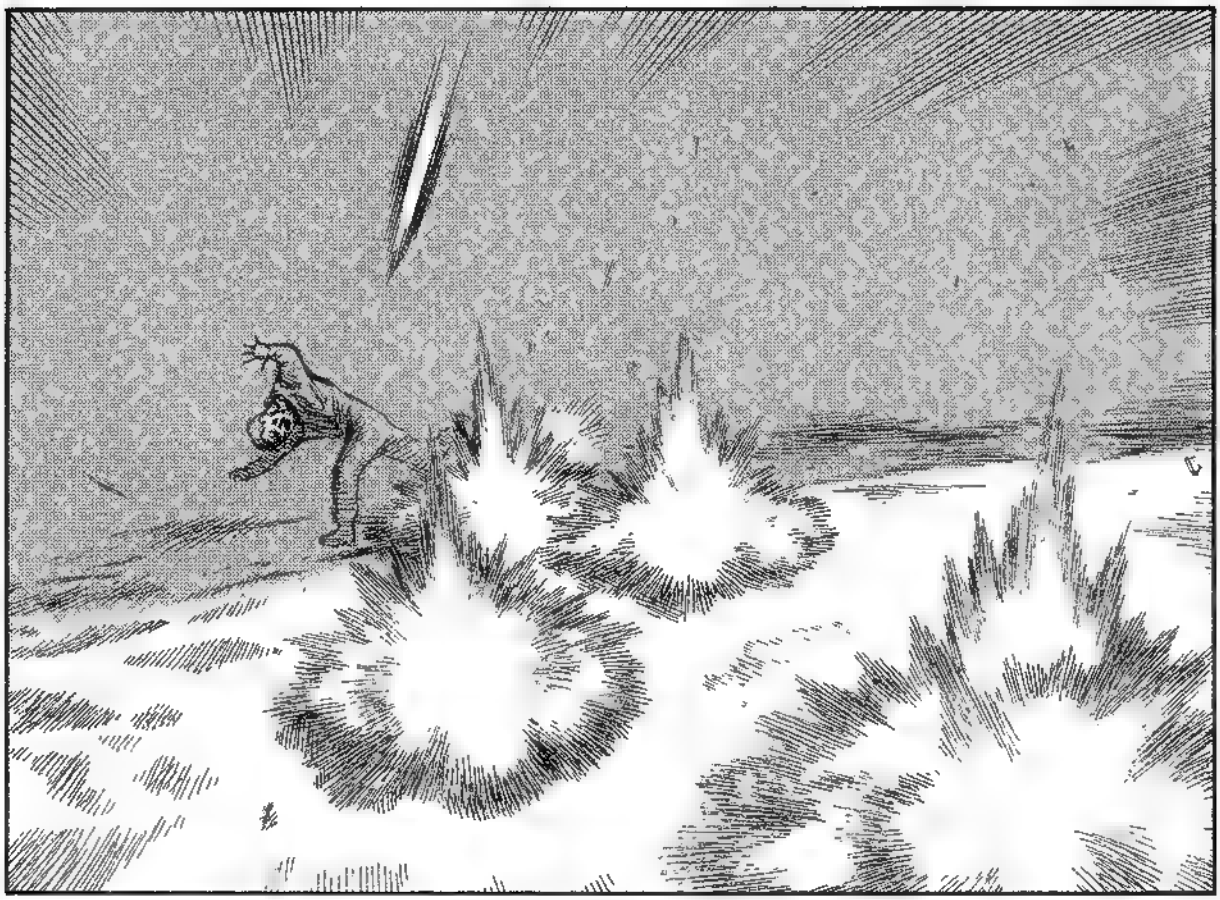

CLANG
CLANG

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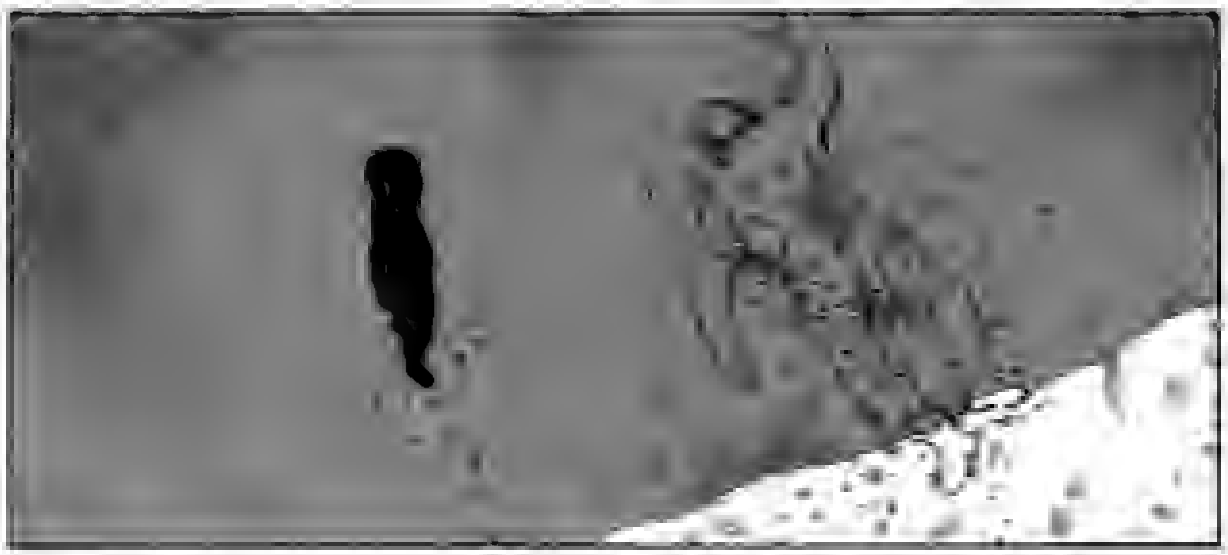
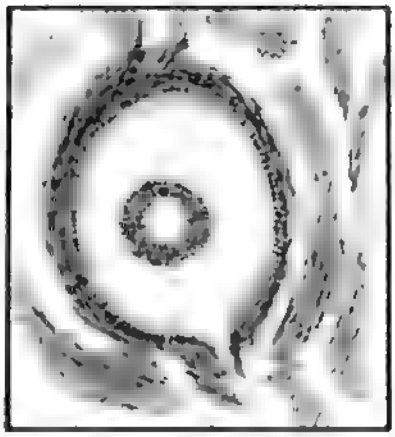
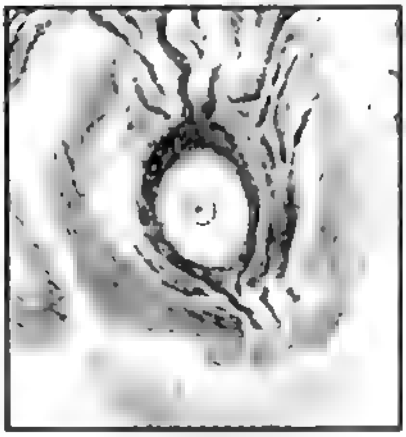


RUN

THAT'S WHAT YOU GET FOR ALWAYS GETTING IN MY WAY.





AH.

BANG

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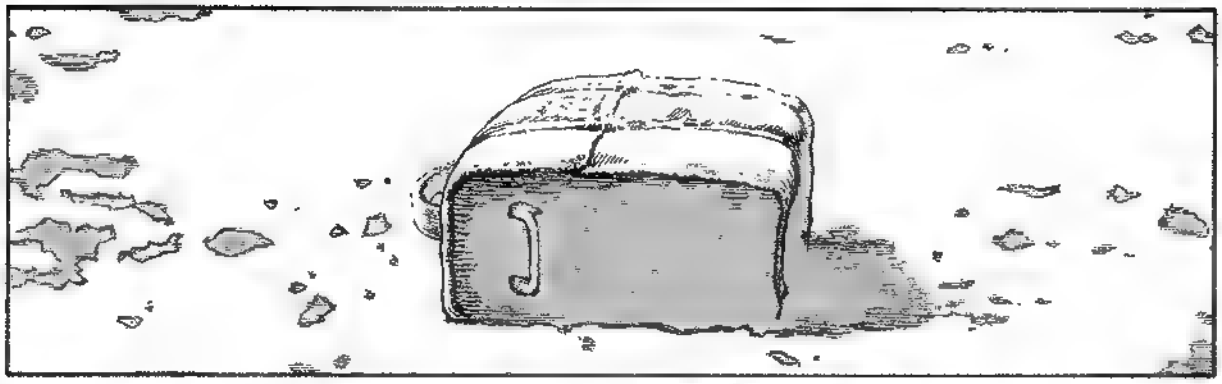

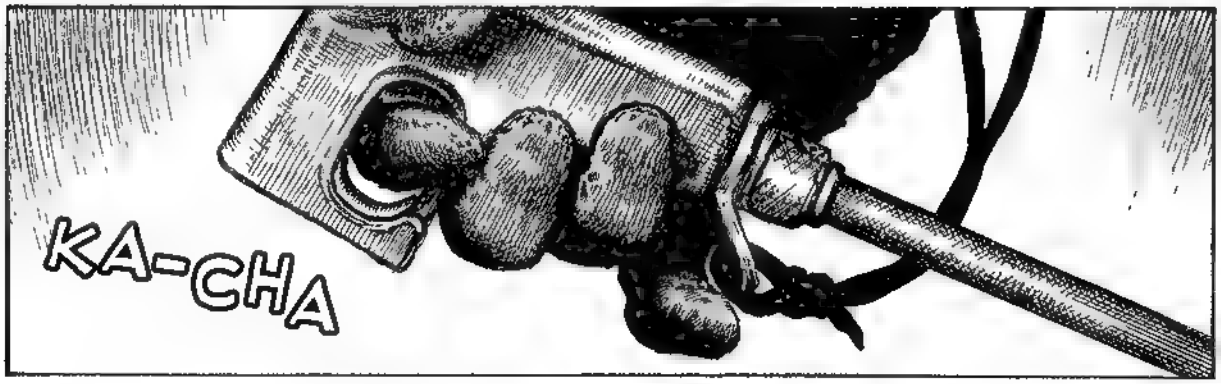
KA-CHA

NO...
OH.
HUH
CLATTER

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ガーン
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BOOM
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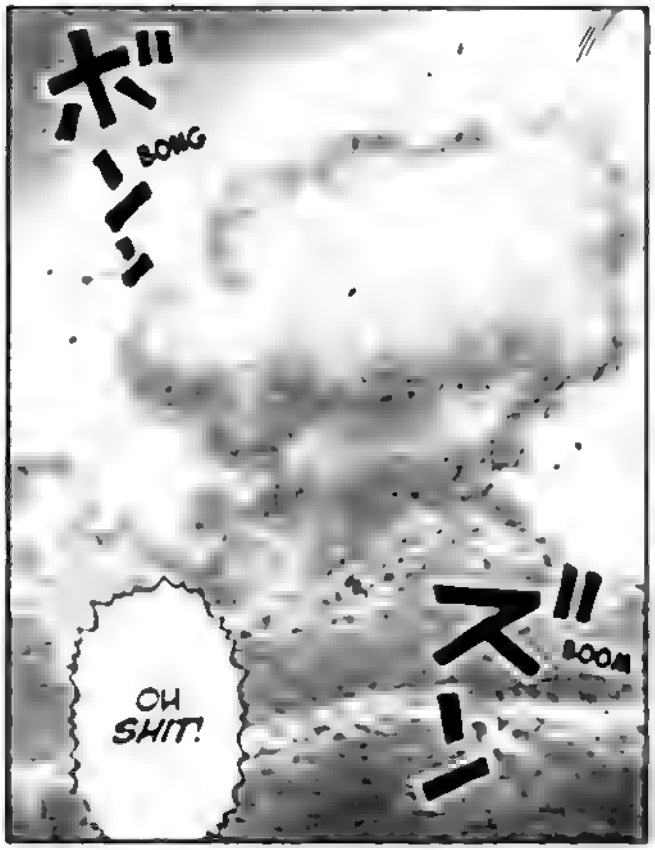

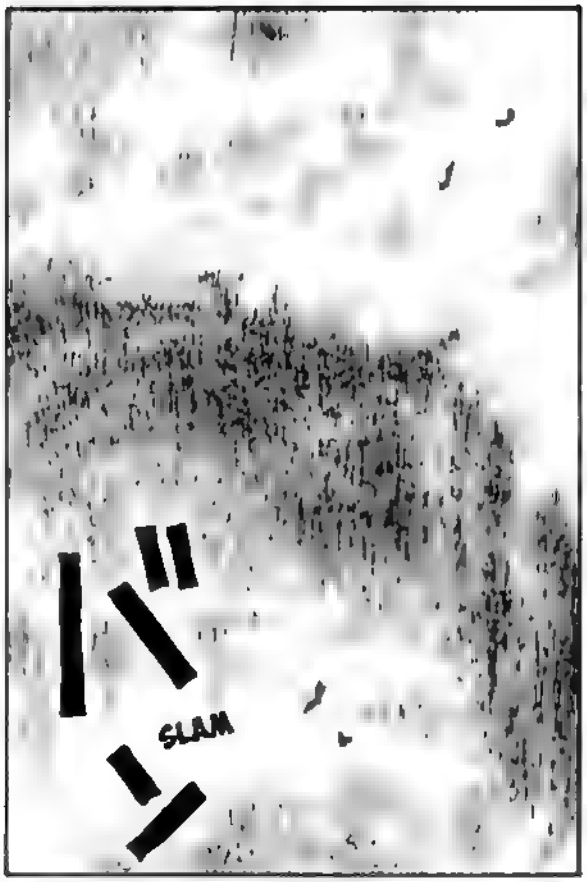
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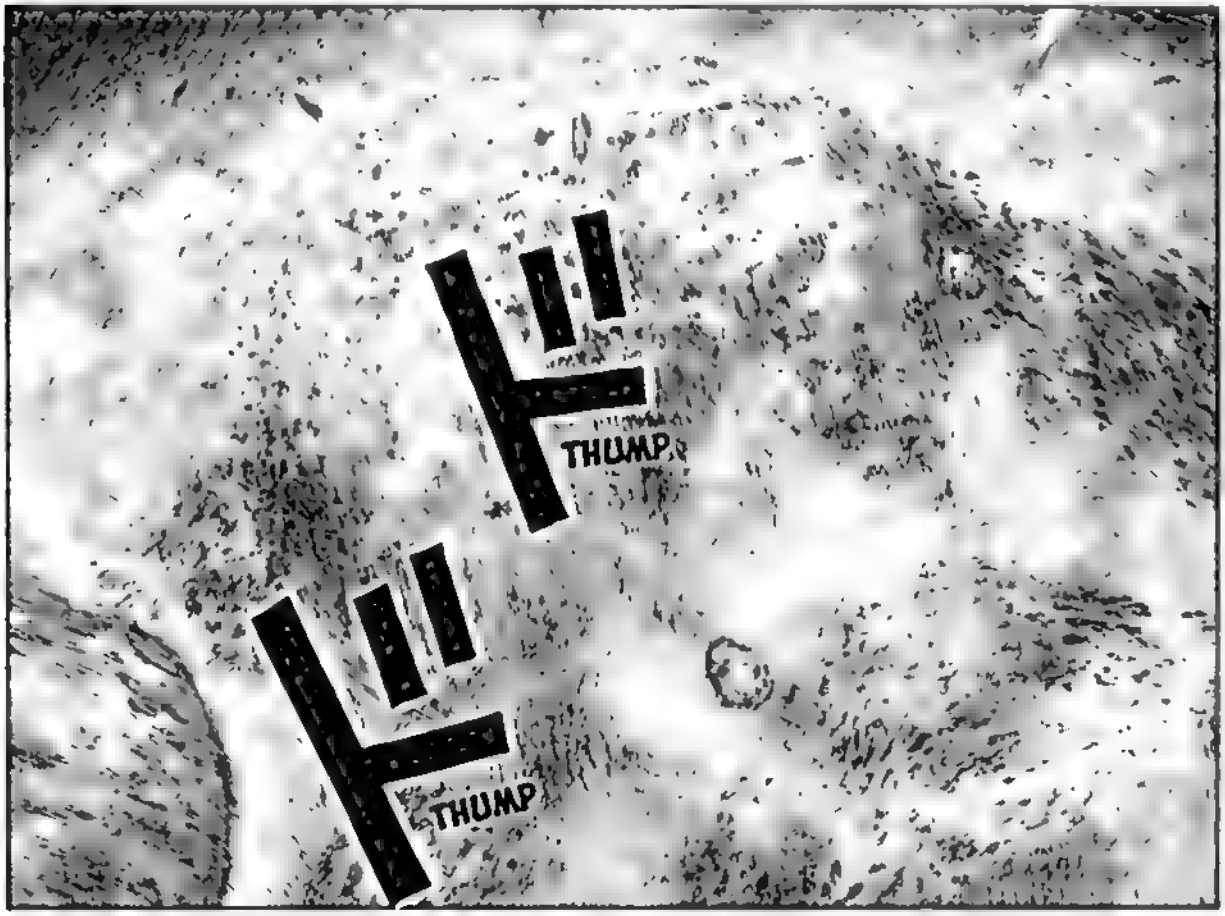
THUNK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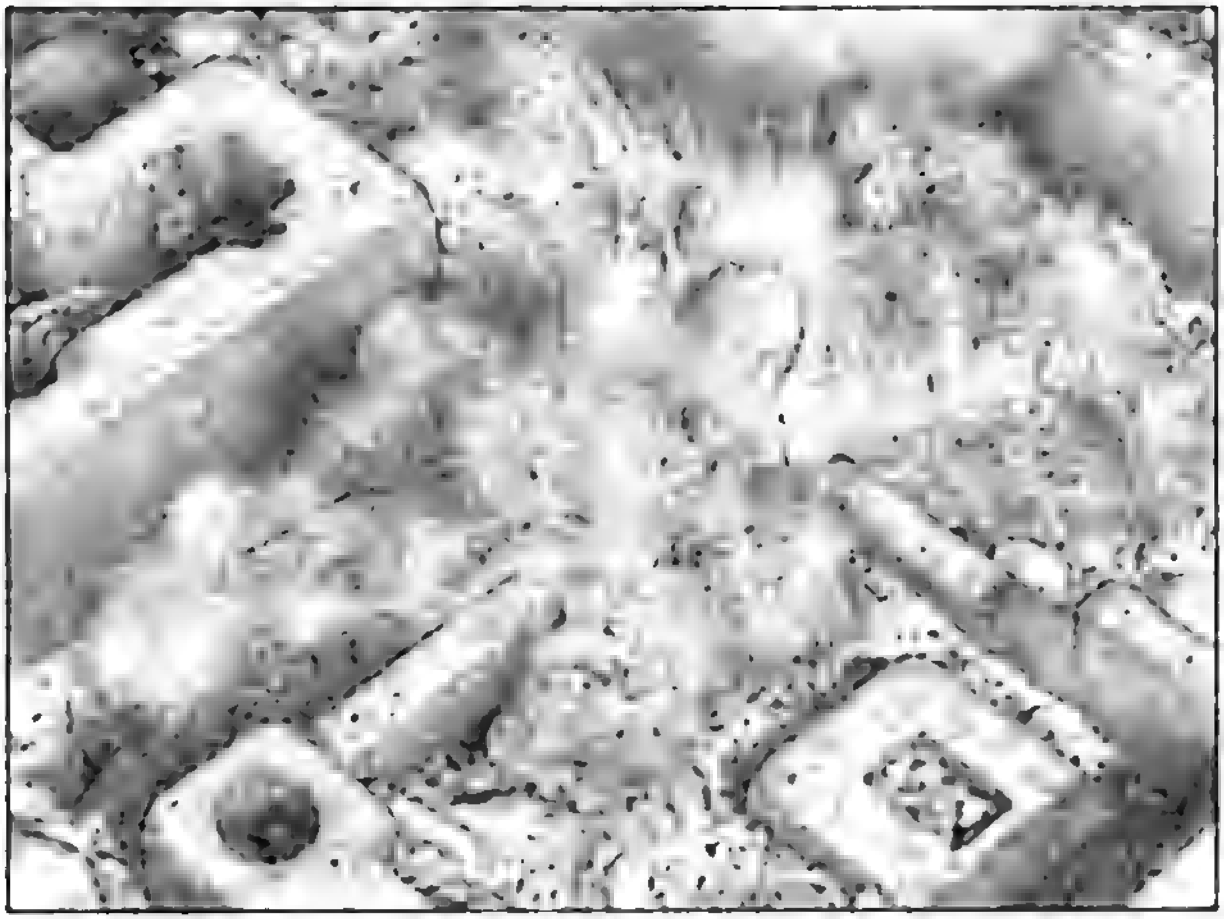
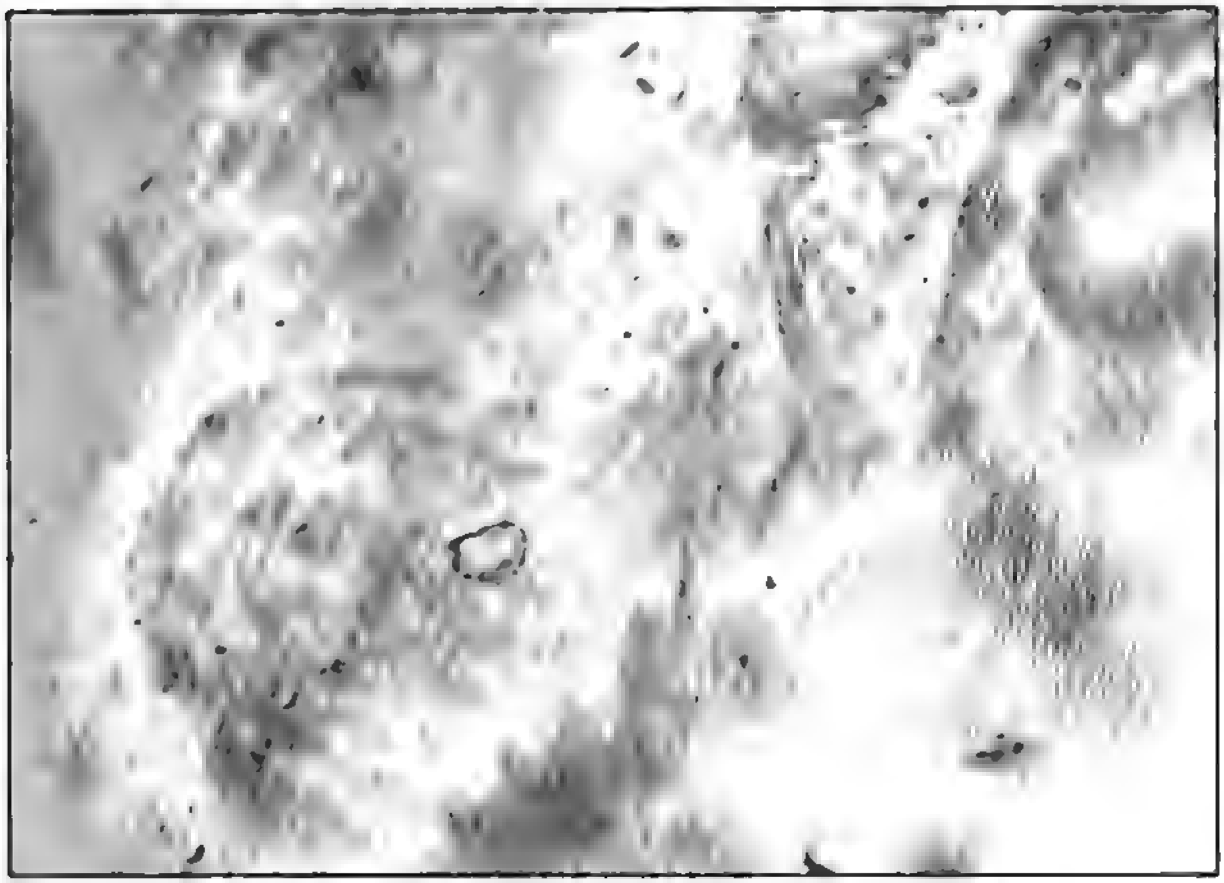
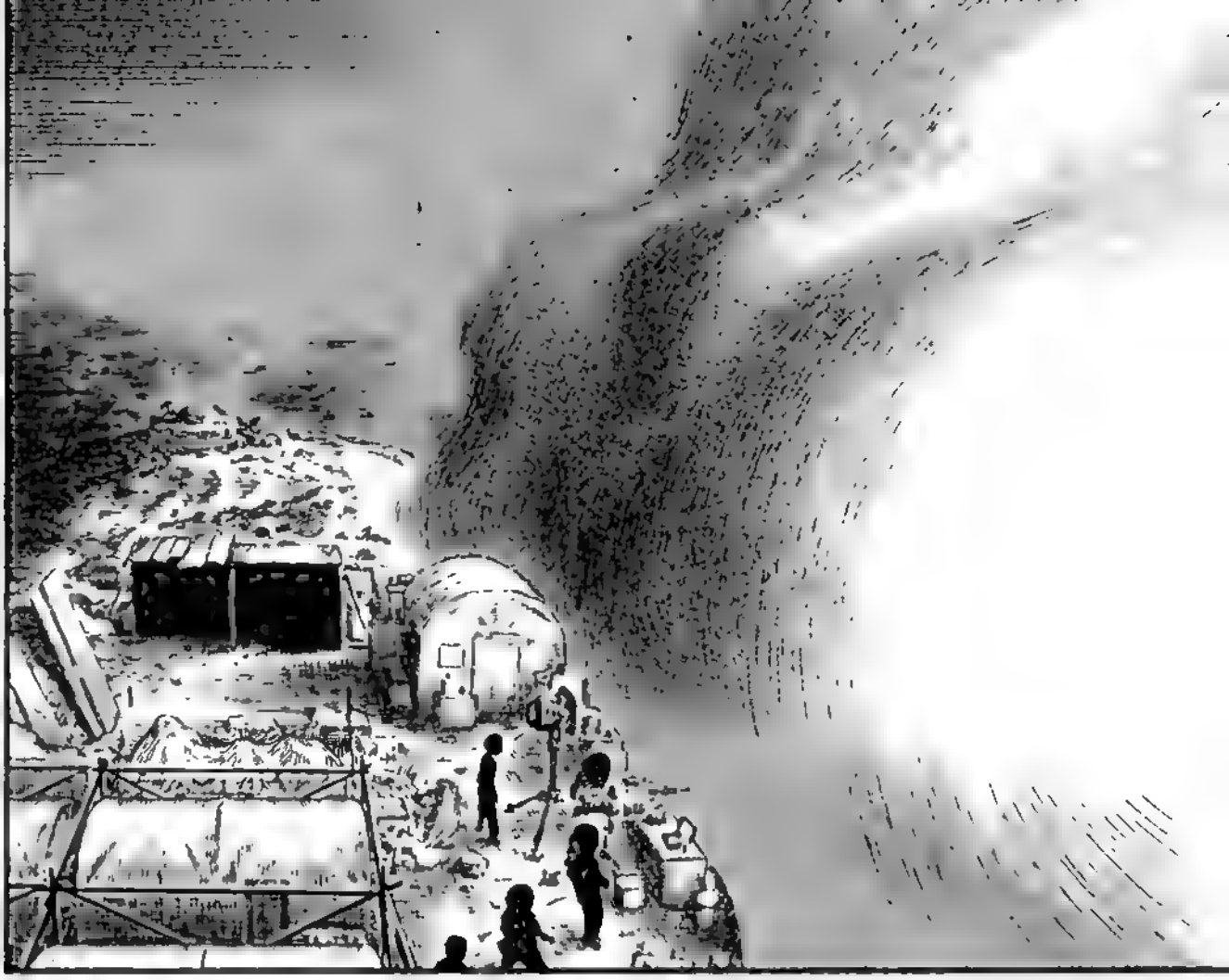
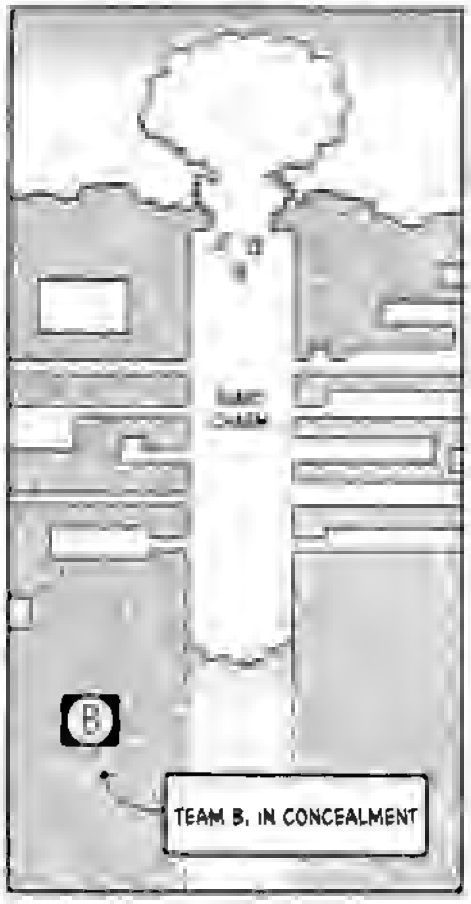






FWUMP

RATTLE
RATTLE
RATTLE
RATTLE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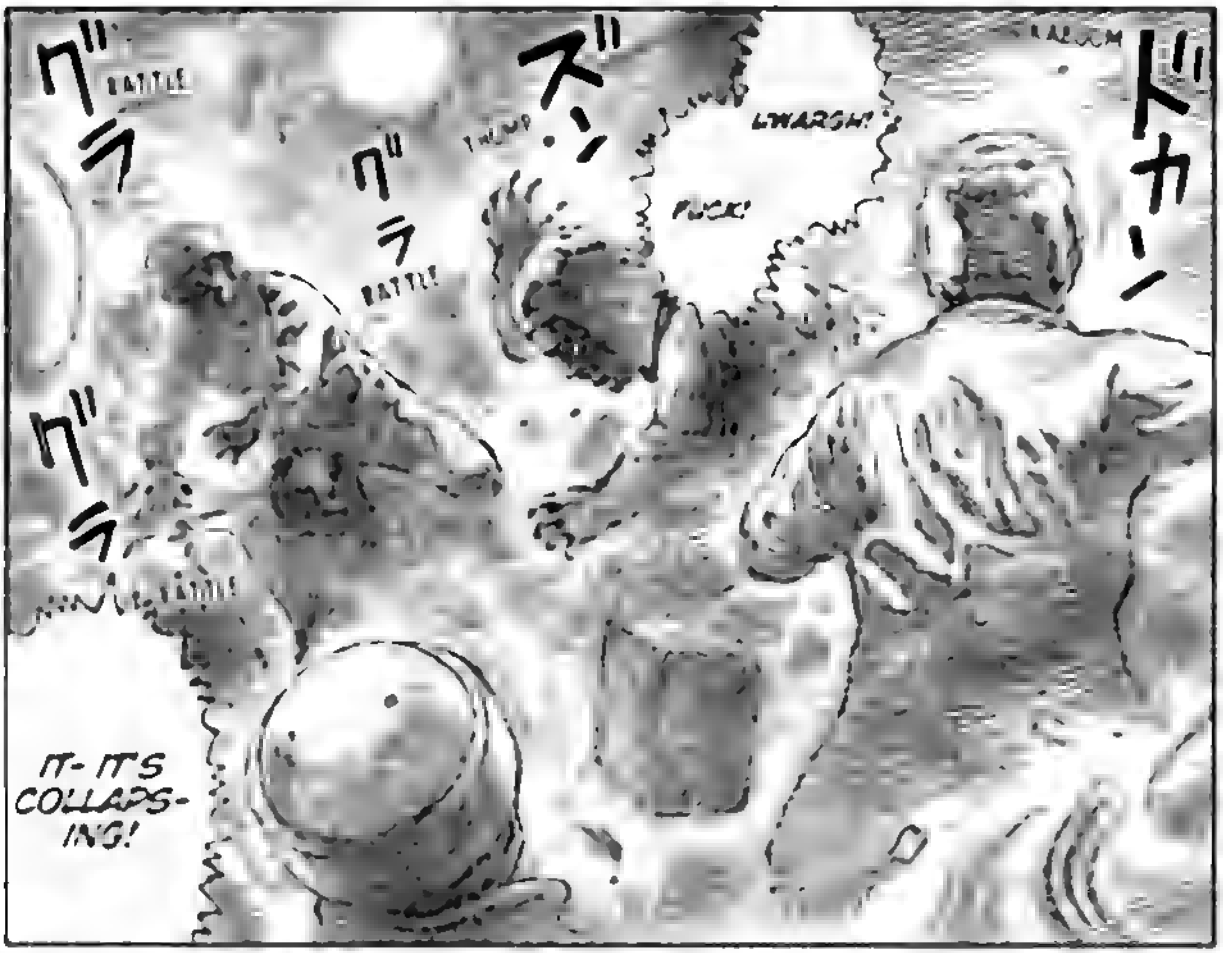
TEAM B, IN CONCEALMENT



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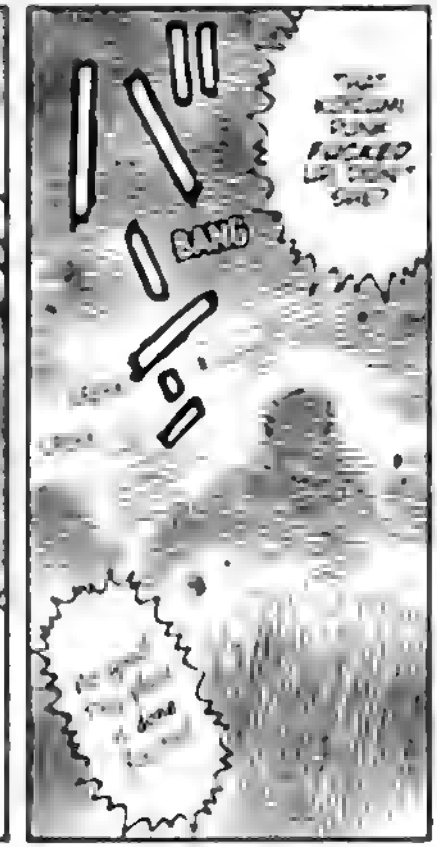

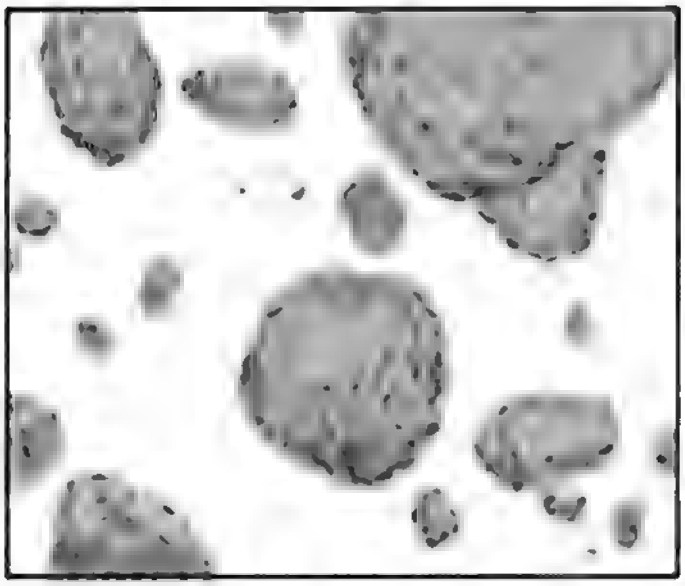

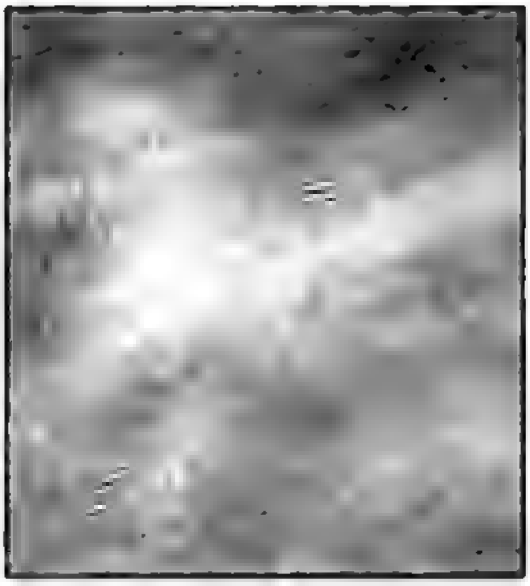

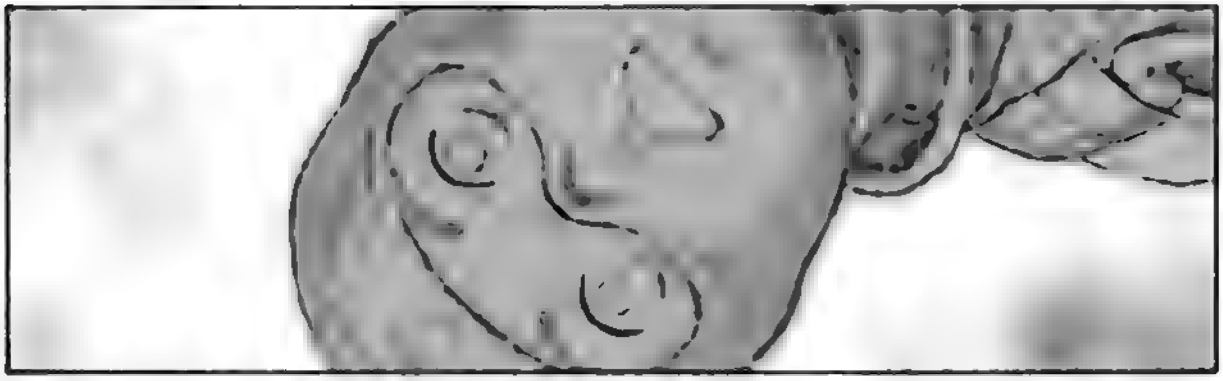

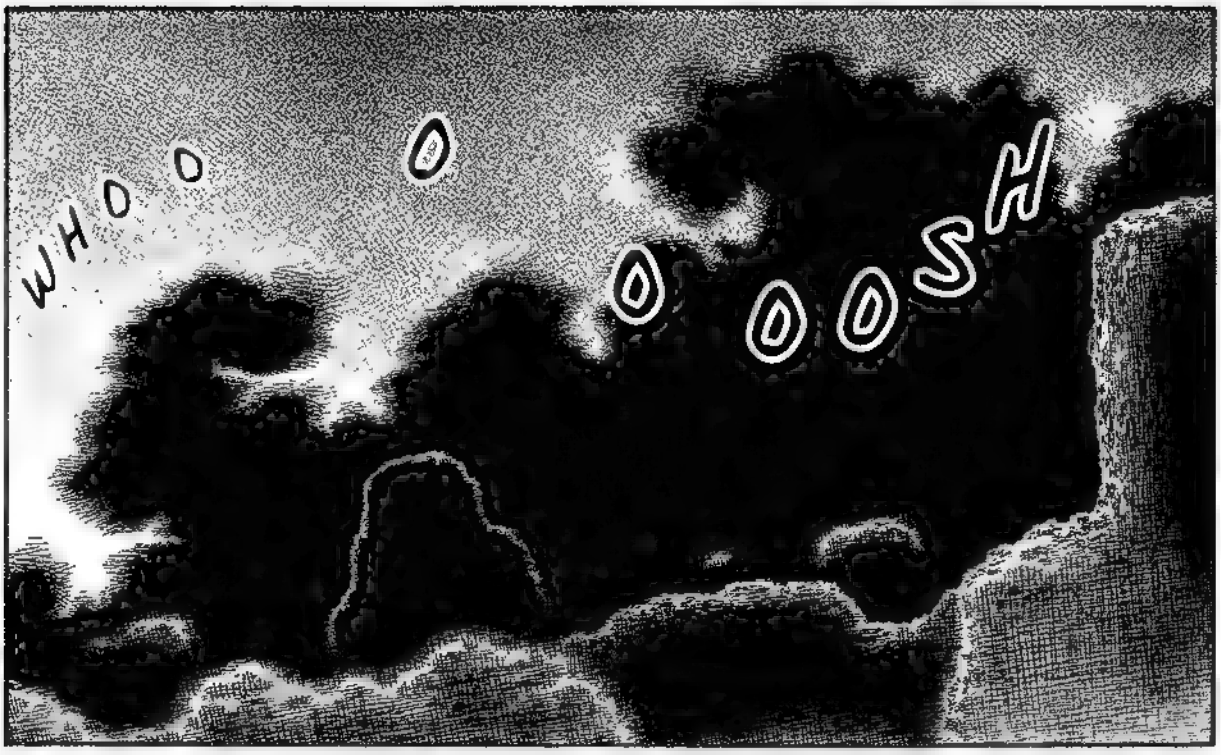
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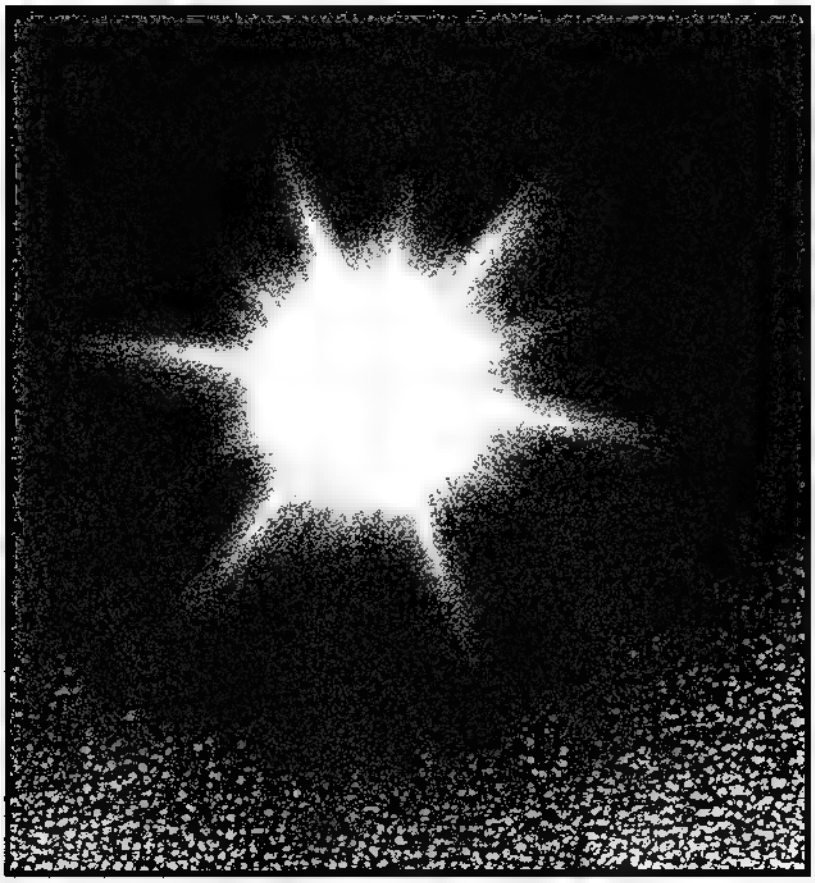

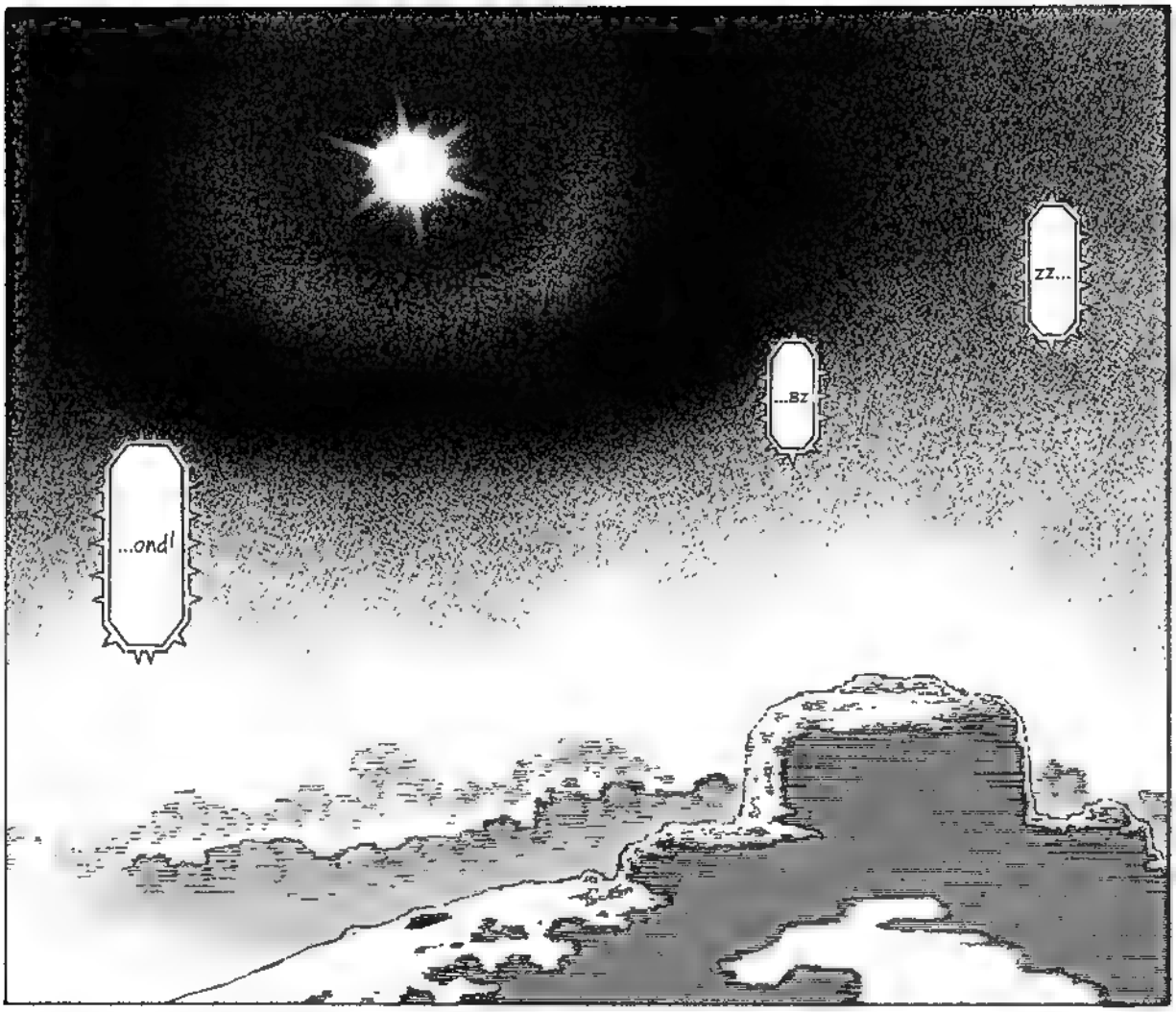
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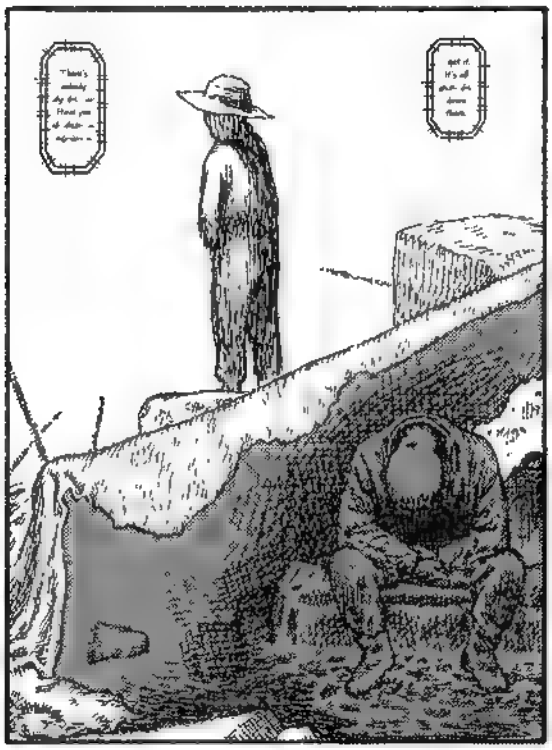
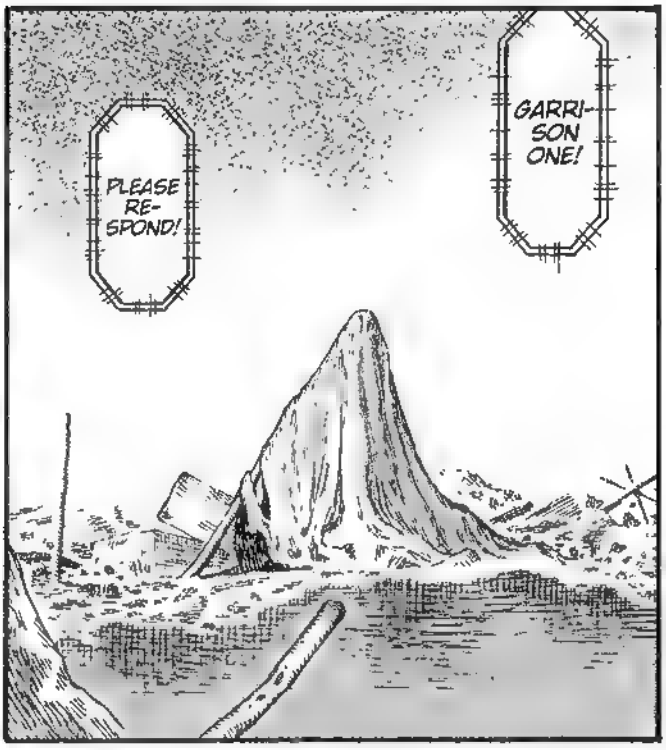
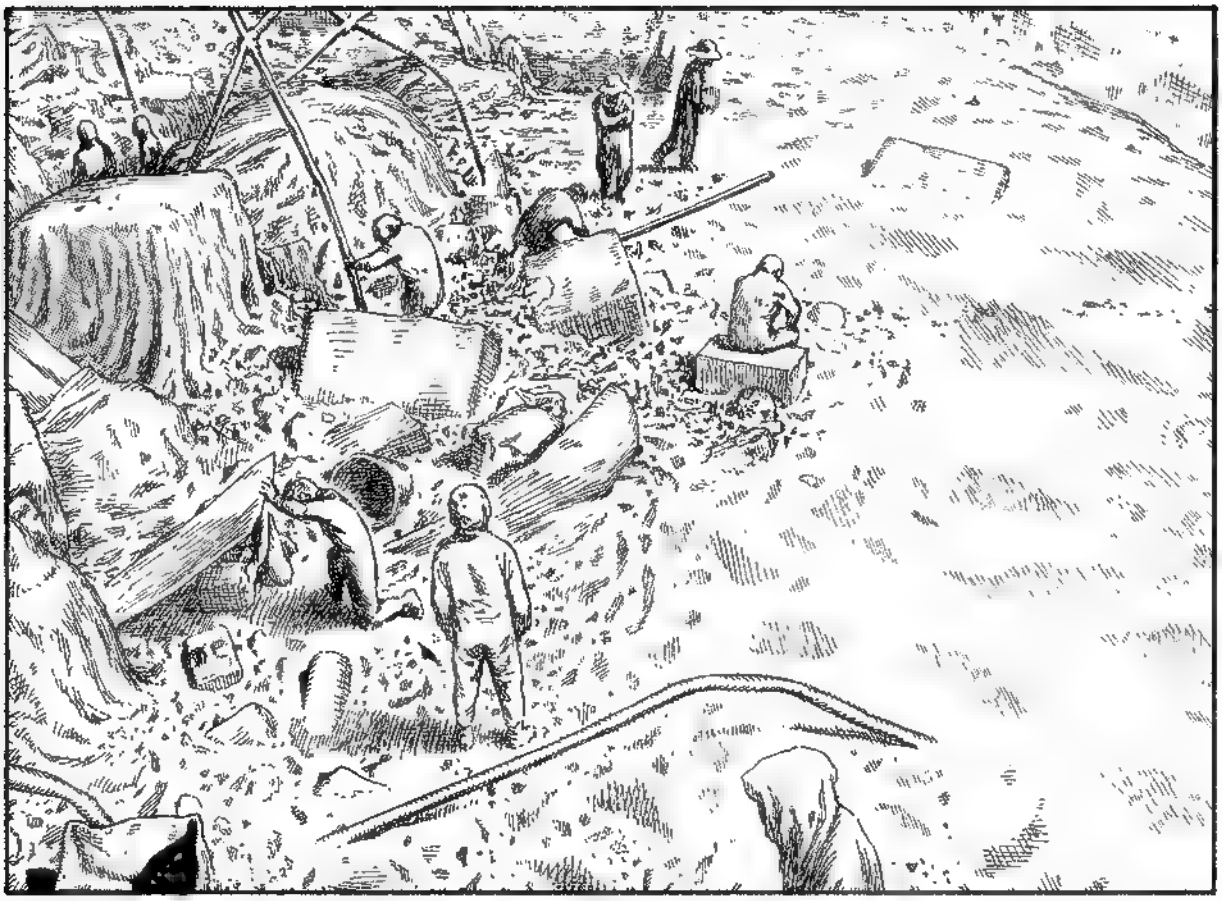
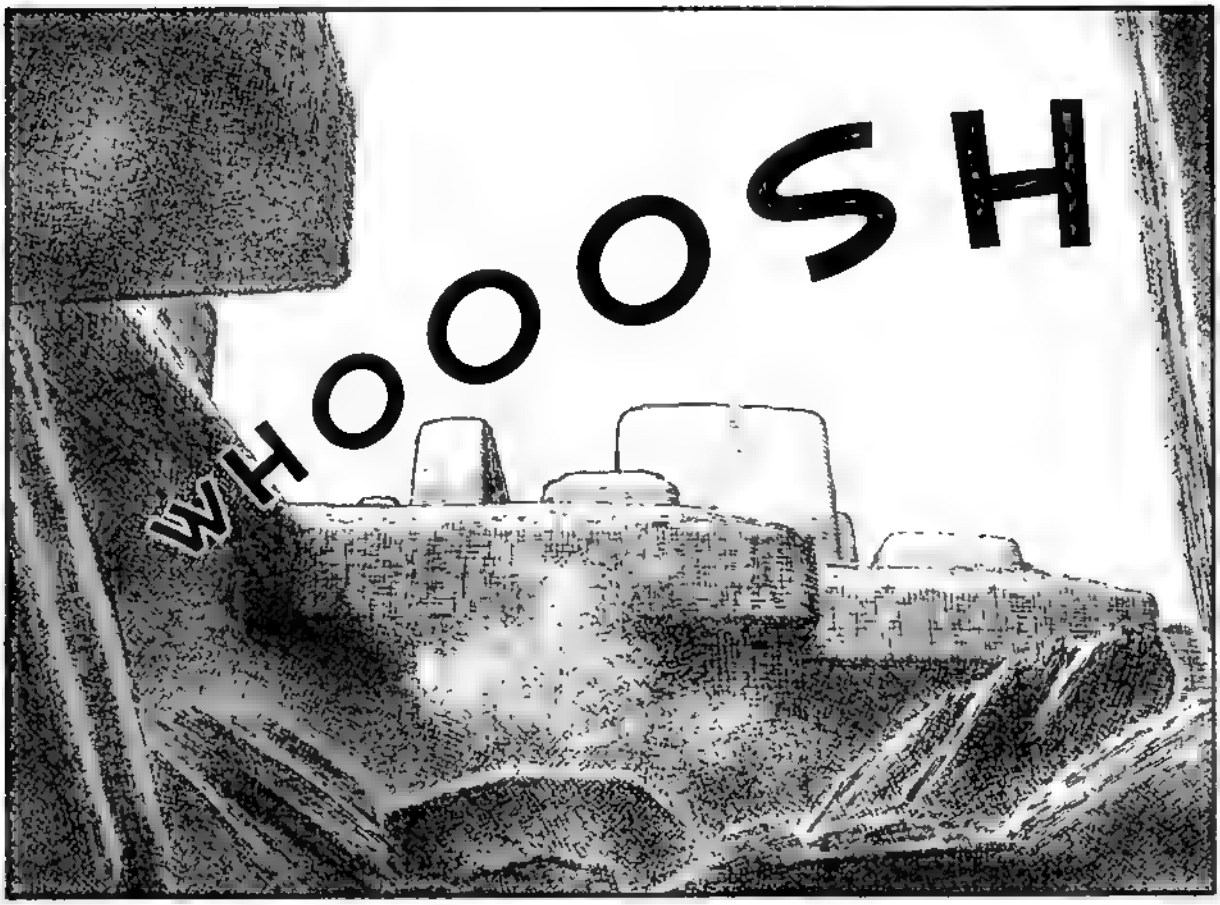
...BZ
ZZ...




PLEASE RE-SPOND!
GARRI-SON ONE!



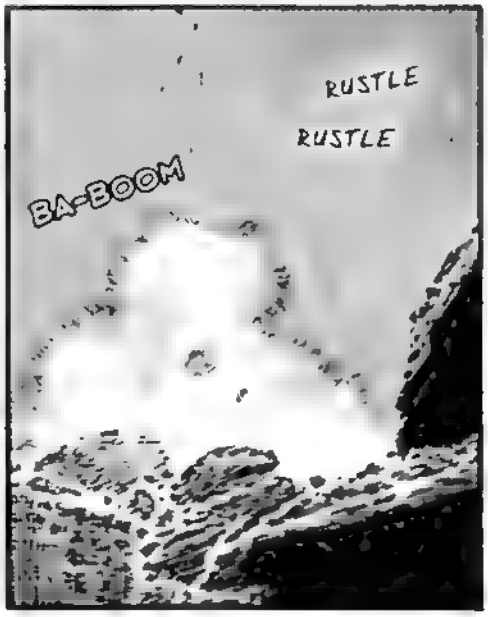
AH MAN...


WHOOOSH

RUSTLE
RUSTLE
RUSTLE

WOBBLE
DRAG

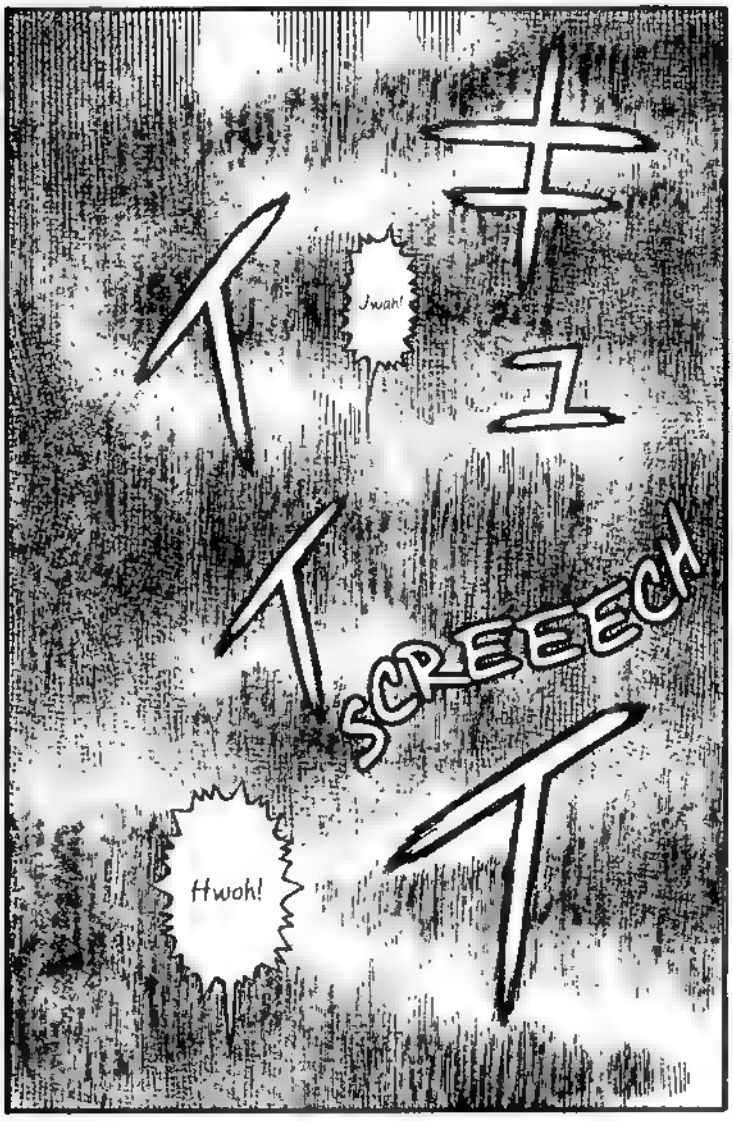
STEP

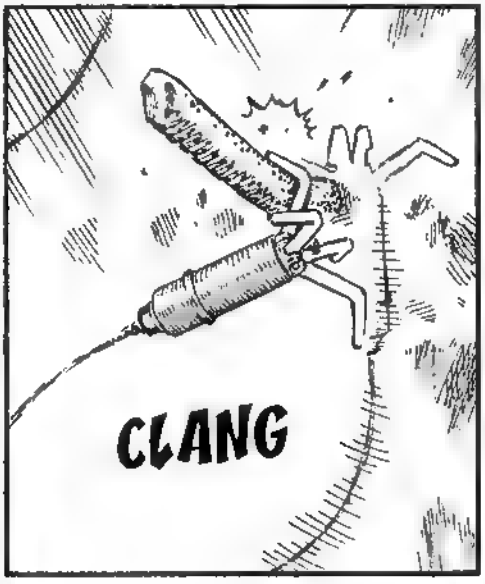

RUSTLE
RUSTLE
BA-BOOM

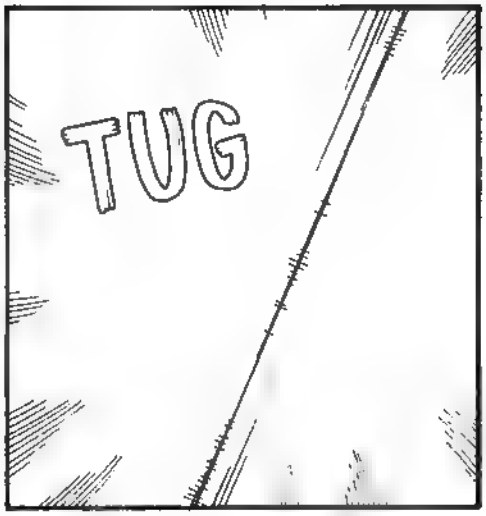
BANG
SHAKE

SHAKE
SHAKE

ZOOM

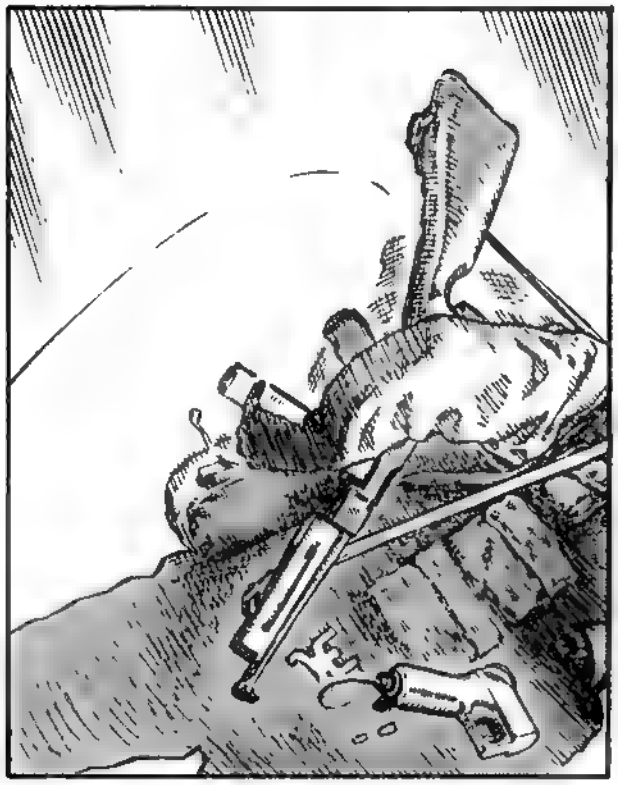

Jwah!
SCREEECH
Hwoh!


CLANG

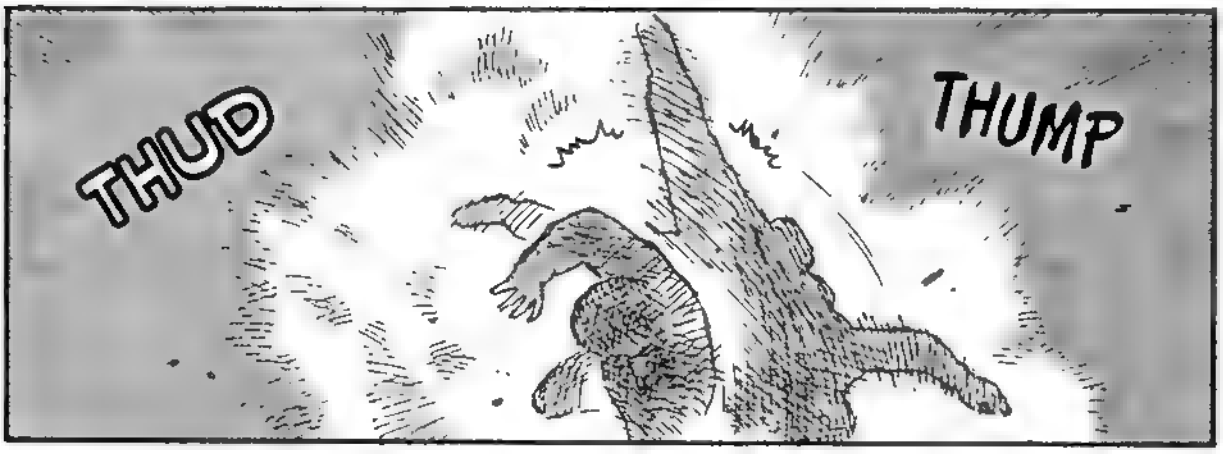

TUG

WHO
OOSH
I CAN'T STOP!

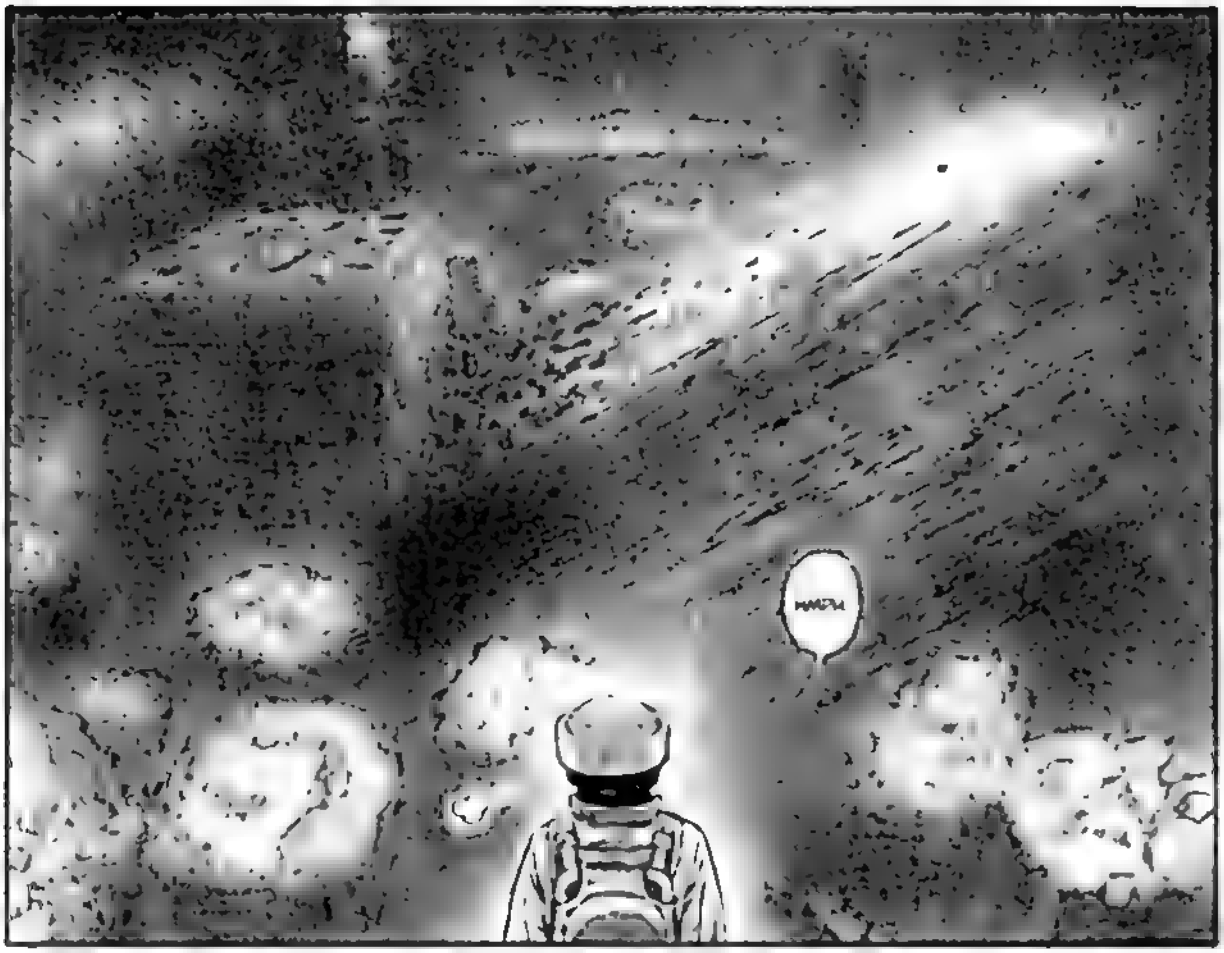
HUH!?

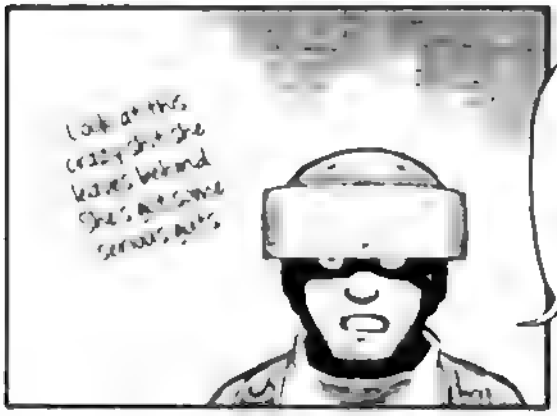


FUCKER!
BAM
BAM

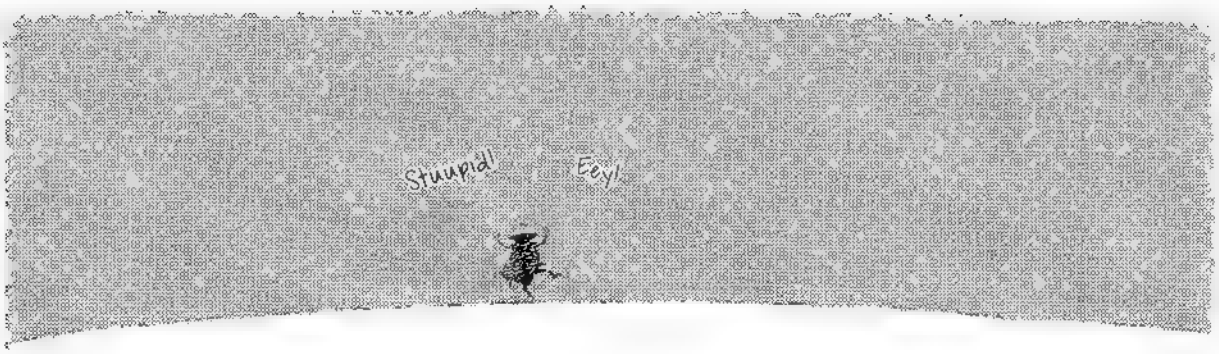

THUD
THUMP

Yarghhh!
TOSS
Ora ora ora ora!
BANG
STOMP
CRACK
CRUSH
CRACK
Hjaeeeah!

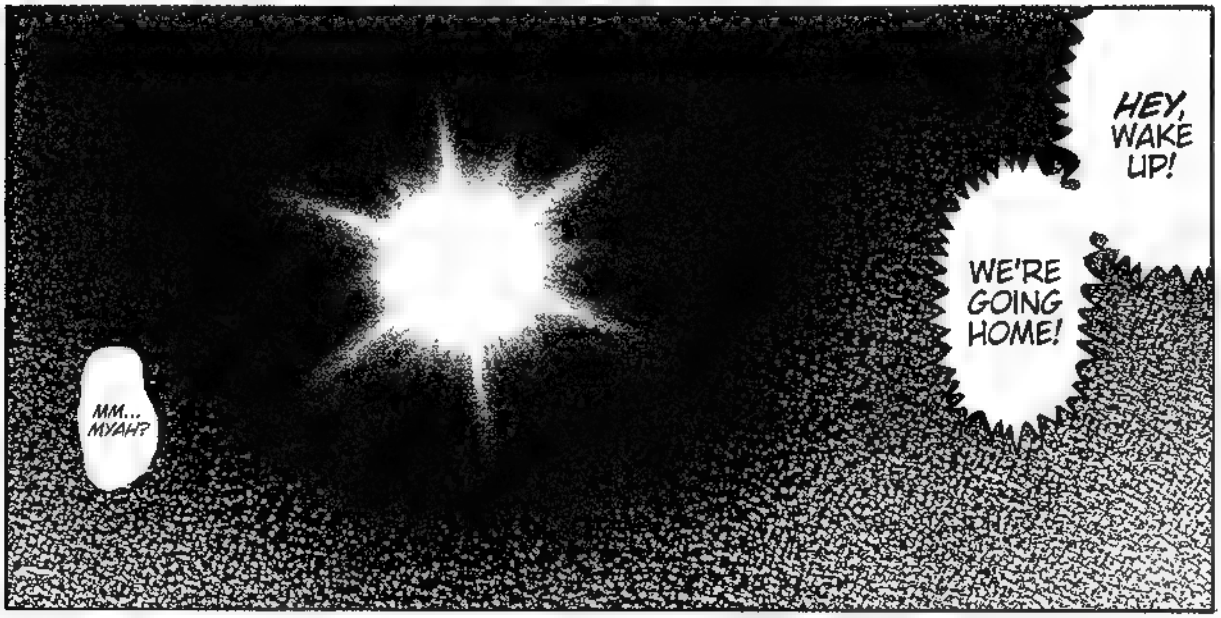

HMPH

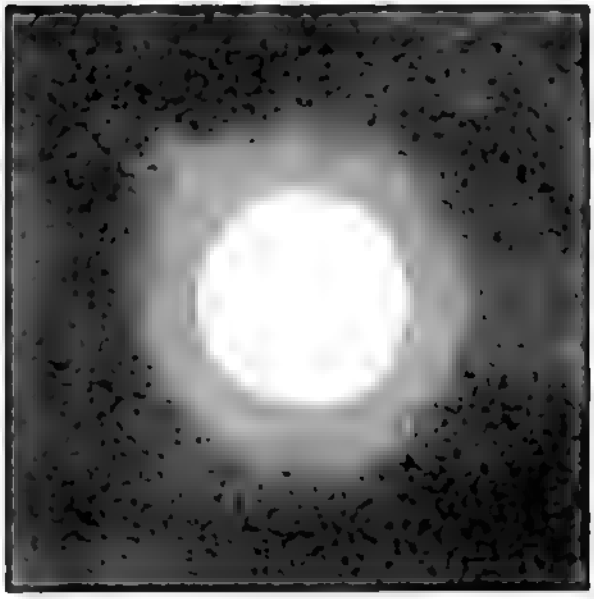

Look at this crazy bitch behind Dre's back. Some serious shit.

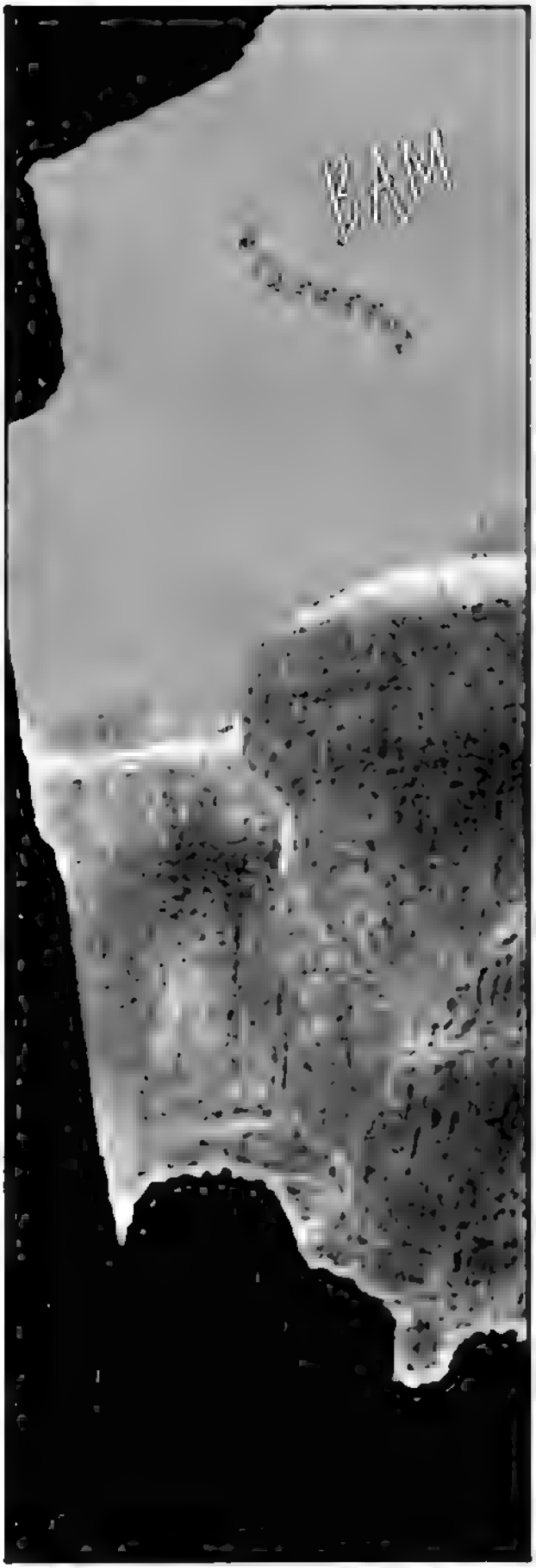
AAAND, SHE'S SLEEPING
SNORE
SNORE


Stuupid!
Eey!

Bad memories are creeping in again!
HMPH!
TREMBLE
TREMBLE
TREMBLE
SNAP
BAM


HEY, WAKE UP!
WE'RE GOING HOME!
MM... MYAH?

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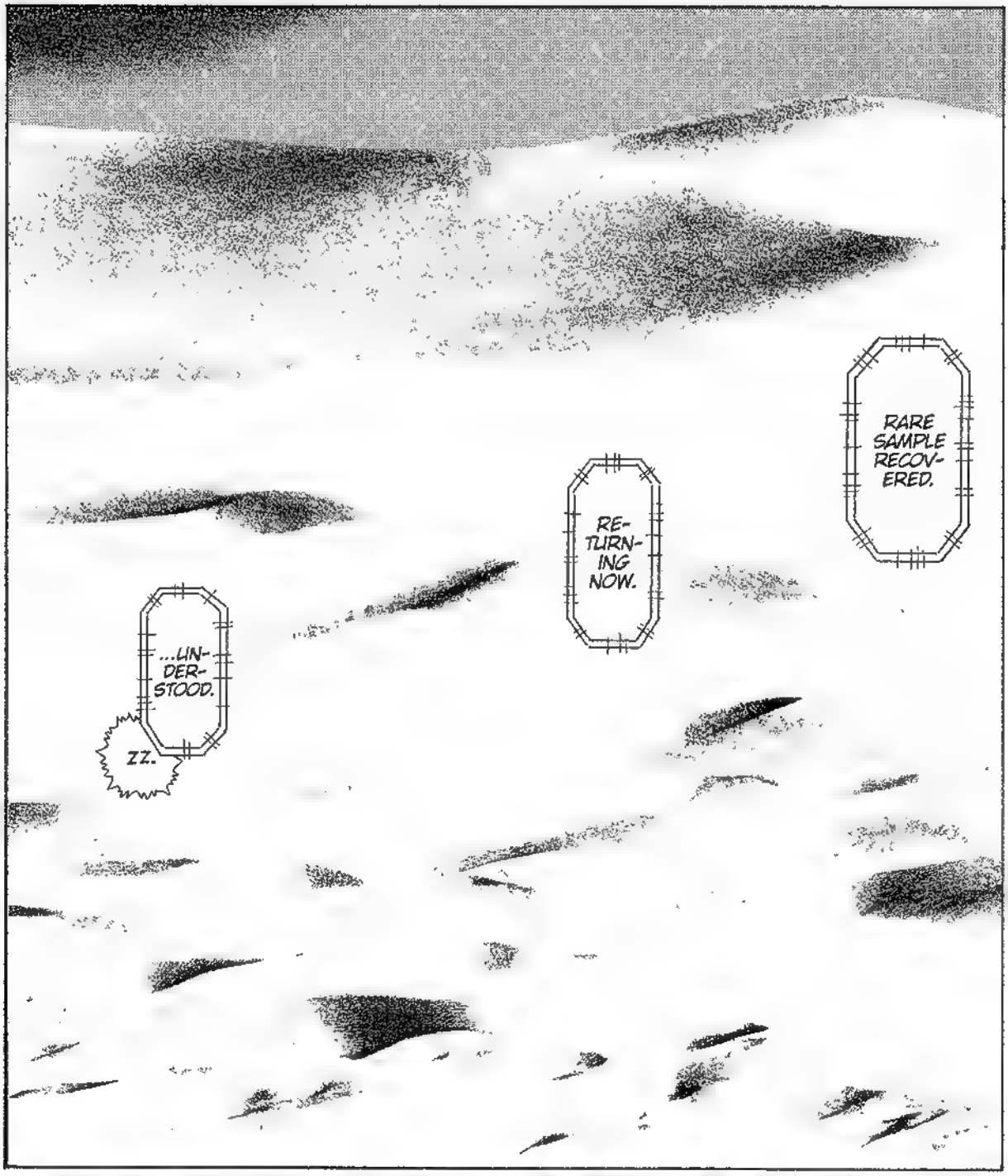
RARE SAMPLE RECOV-ERED.
RE-TURN-ING NOW.
...UN-DER-STOOD.
ZZ.

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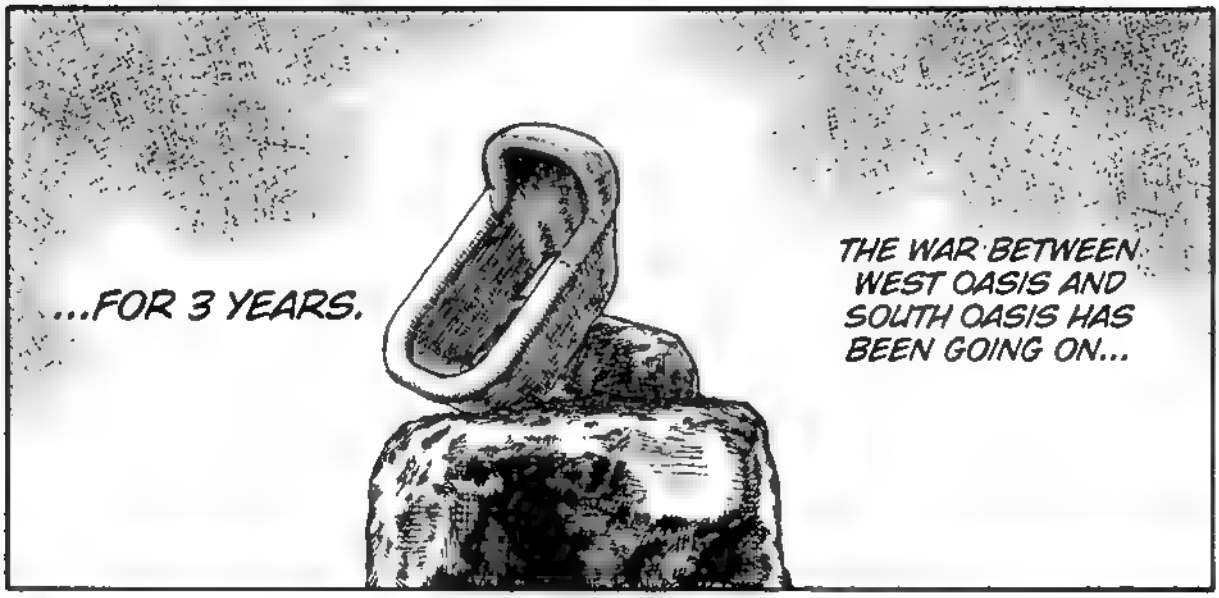
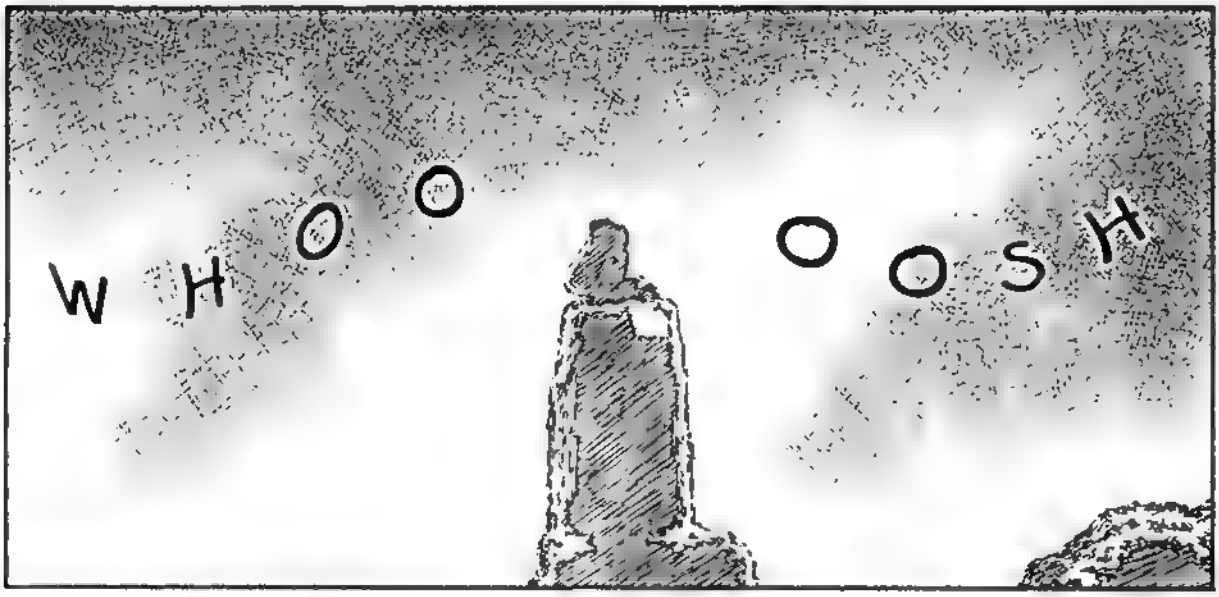
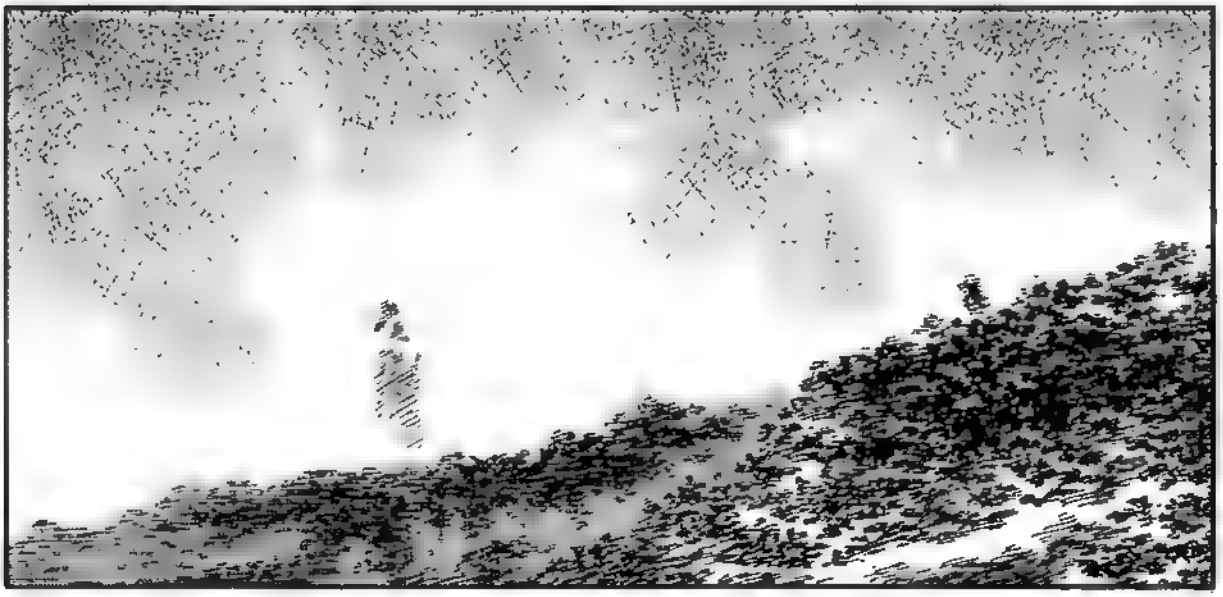
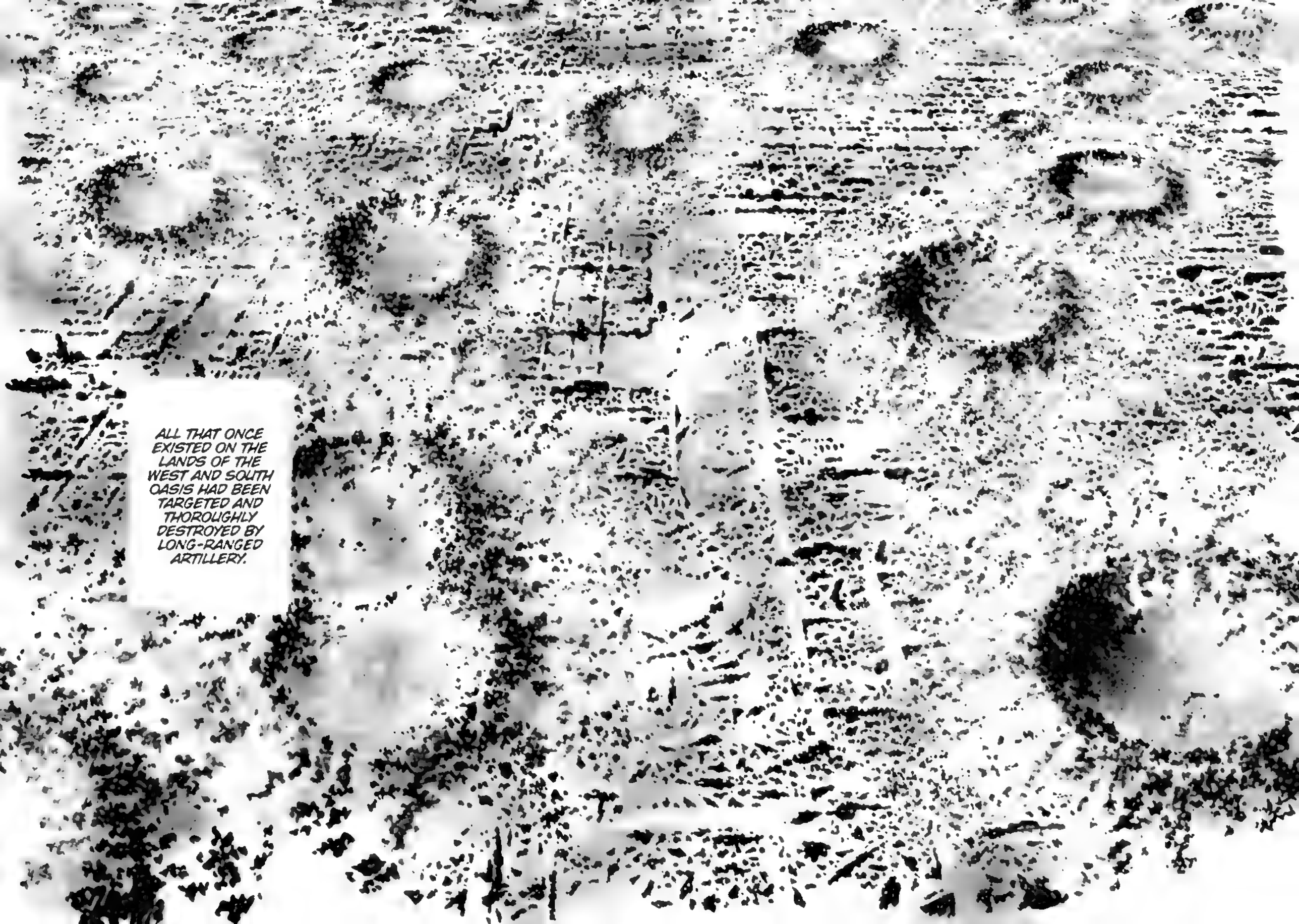

...FOR 3 YEARS.
THE WAR BETWEEN WEST OASIS AND SOUTH OASIS HAS BEEN GOING ON...


WHOOOOSH




ALL THAT ONCE EXISTED ON THE LANDS OF THE WEST AND SOUTH OASIS HAD BEEN TARGETED AND THOROUGHLY DESTROYED BY LONG-RANGED ARTILLERY.

THERE THEY SET UP NEW BASES FOR THEIR OPERATIONS.

BOOM

KABOOM

[illegible]

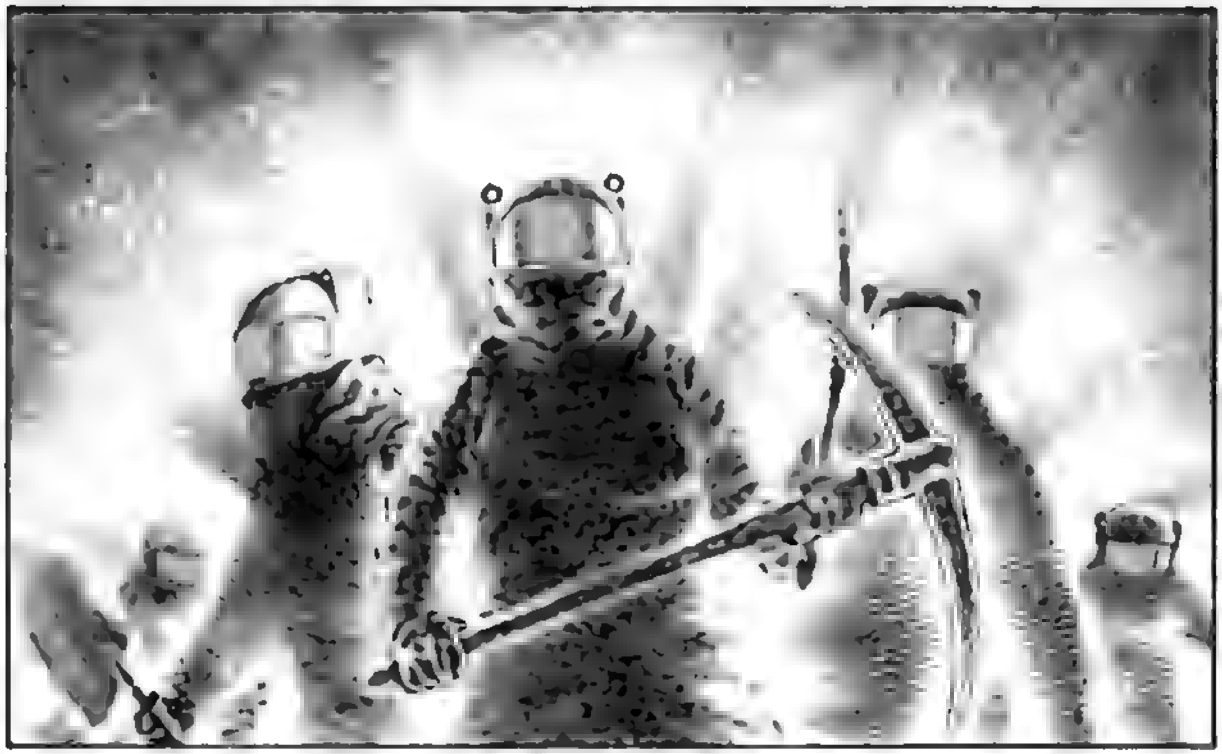
BOOM

BOOM

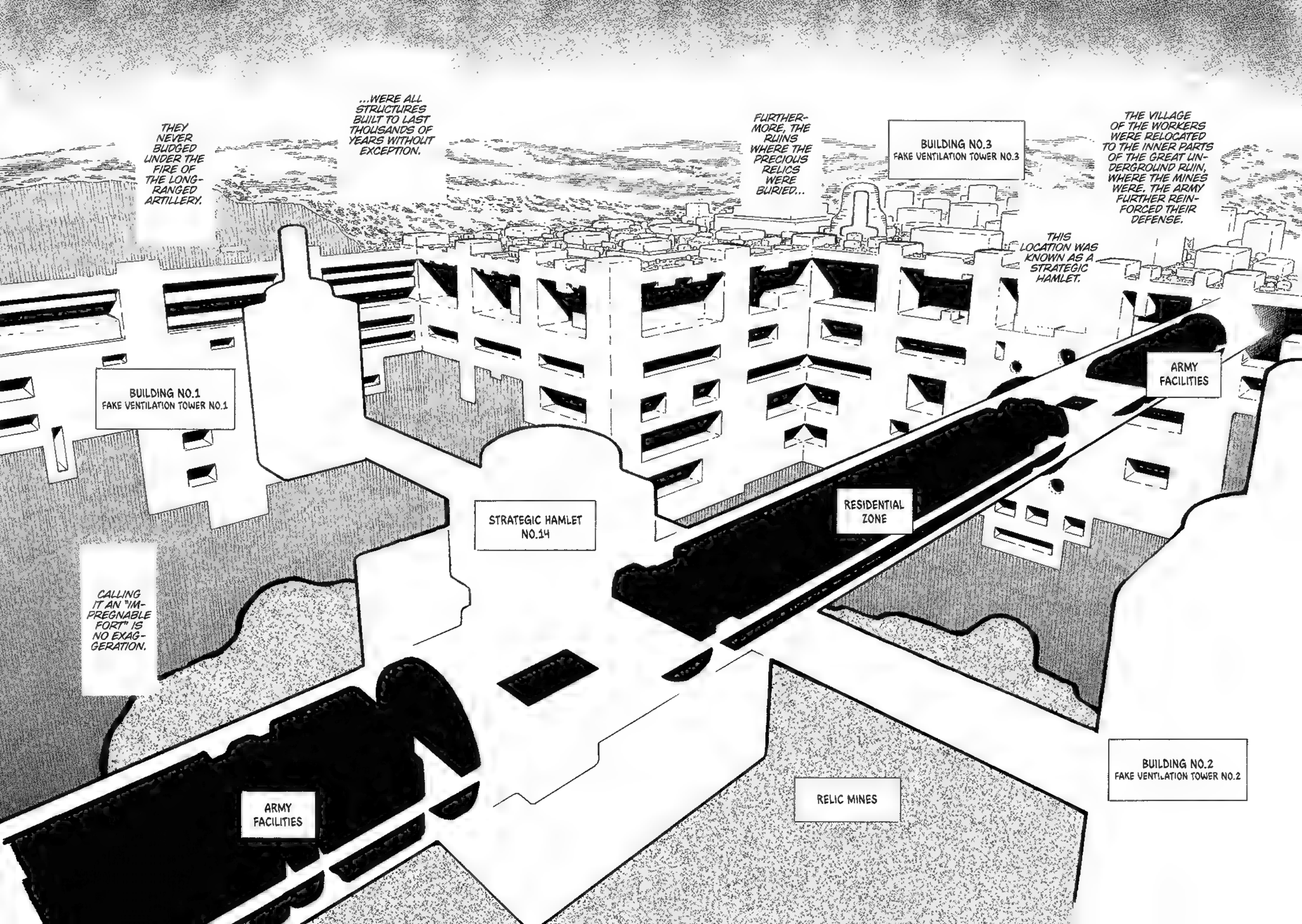
BOOM

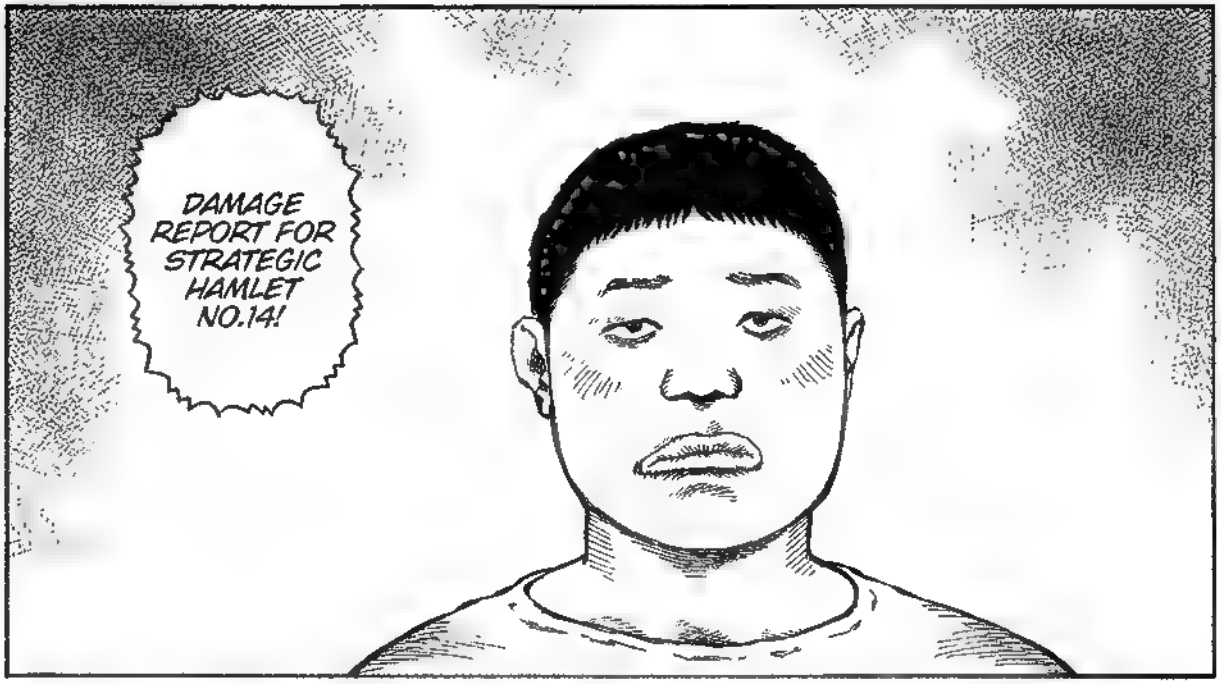
BUT NOT EVERYONE WAS ABLE TO EVACUATE.

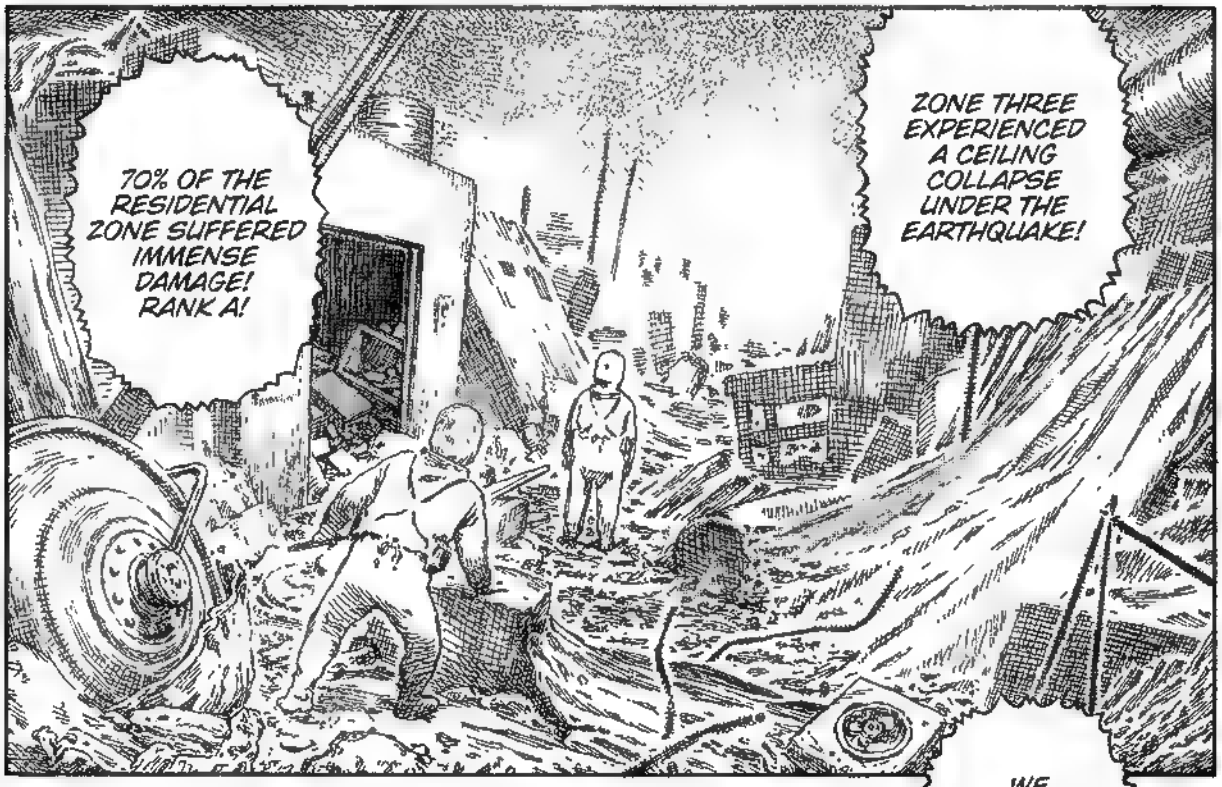
FORMER [illegible] OF THE WEST-SOUTH [illegible] NEAR THE FRONTLINE, EVACUATED INTO THE INNER REGIONS.



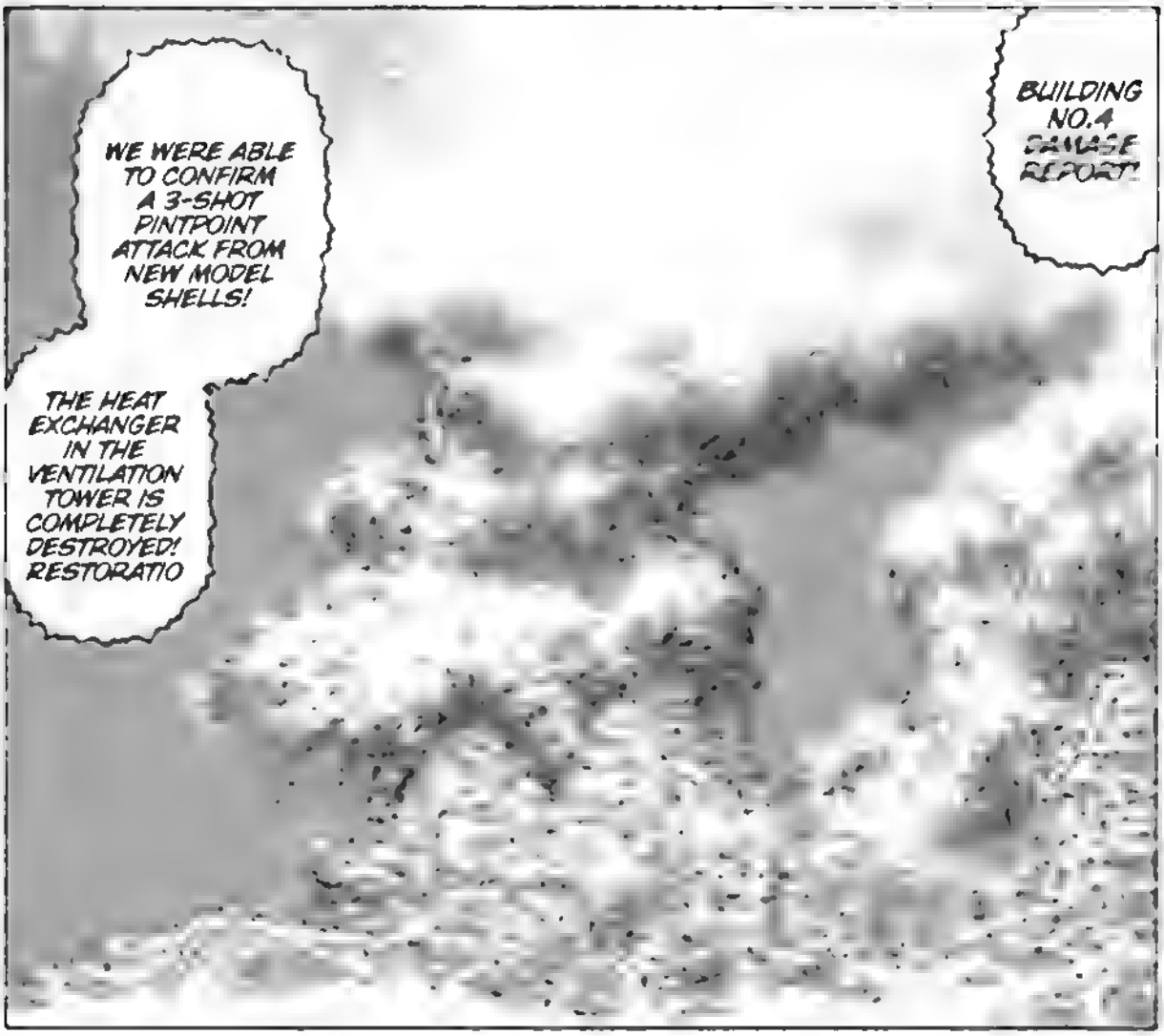
NATURALLY, FIERCE COMPETITION IS INEVITABLE.


THEY NEVER BUDGED UNDER THE FIRE OF THE LONG-RANGED ARTILLERY.
...WERE ALL STRUCTURES BUILT TO LAST THOUSANDS OF YEARS WITHOUT EXCEPTION.
FURTHER-MORE, THE RUINS WHERE THE PRECIOUS RELICS WERE BURIED...
BUILDING NO.3
FAKE VENTILATION TOWER NO.3
THE VILLAGE OF THE WORKERS WERE RELOCATED TO THE INNER PARTS OF THE GREAT UN-DERGROUND RUIN, WHERE THE MINES WERE. THE ARMY FURTHER REIN-FORCED THEIR DEFENSE.
THIS LOCATION WAS KNOWN AS A STRATEGIC HAMLET.
BUILDING NO.1
FAKE VENTILATION TOWER NO.1
ARMY FACILITIES
STRATEGIC HAMLET NO.14
RESIDENTIAL ZONE
CALLING IT AN "IM-PREGNABLE FORT" IS NO EXAG-GERATION.
BUILDING NO.2
FAKE VENTILATION TOWER NO.2
ARMY FACILITIES
RELIC MINES


DAMAGE REPORT FOR STRATEGIC HAMLET NO.14!

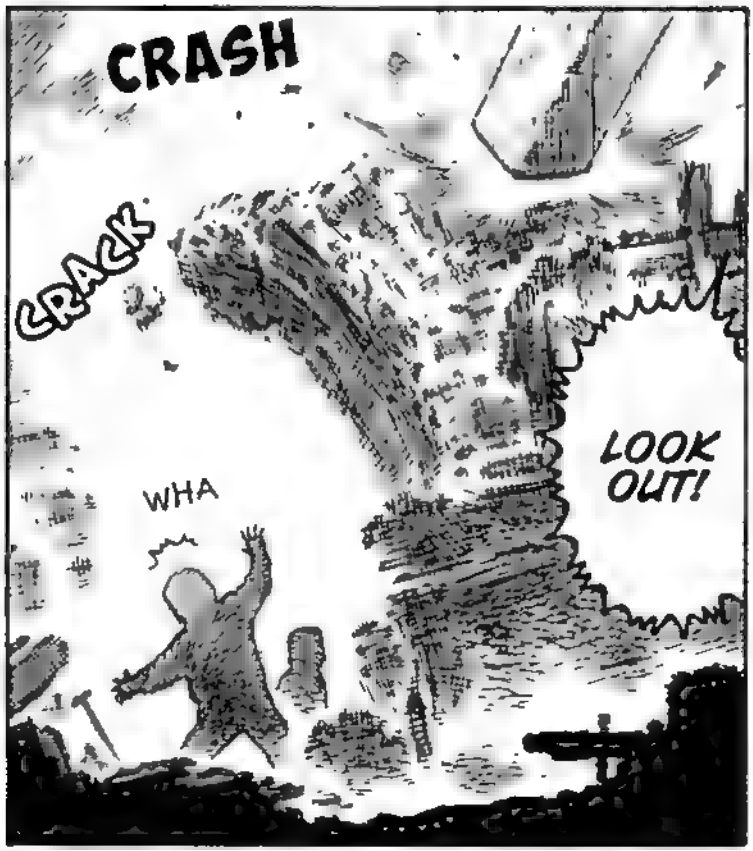

70% OF THE RESIDENTIAL ZONE SUFFERED IMMENSE DAMAGE! RANK A!
ZONE THREE EXPERIENCED A CEILING COLLAPSE UNDER THE EARTHQUAKE!

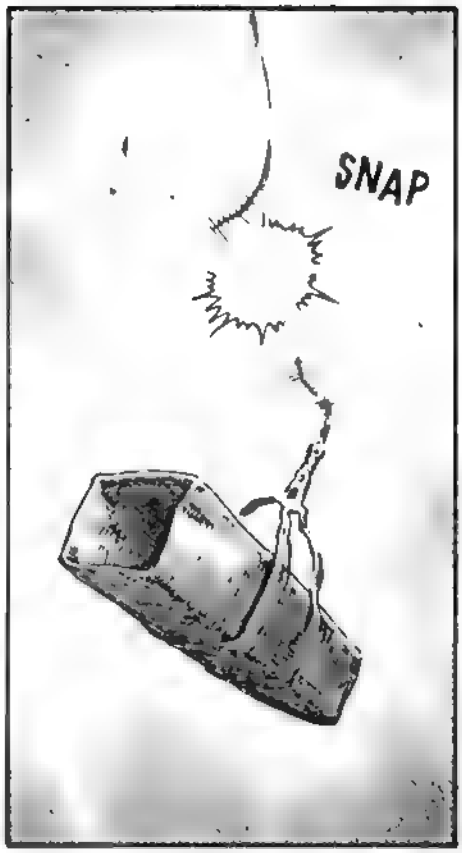
WE HAVE TWO CASUALTIES! MANY INJURED!
TSK.

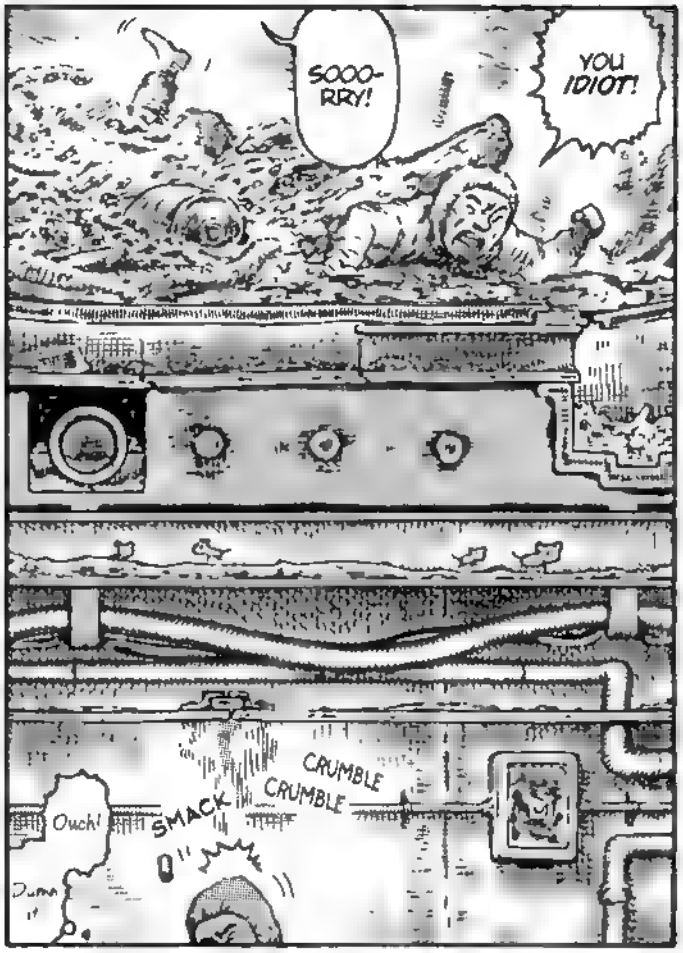

WE WERE ABLE TO CONFIRM A 3-SHOT PINTPOINT ATTACK FROM NEW MODEL SHELLS!
BUILDING NO.4 DAMAGE REPORT!
THE HEAT EXCHANGER IN THE VENTILATION TOWER IS COMPLETELY DESTROYED! RESTORATIO

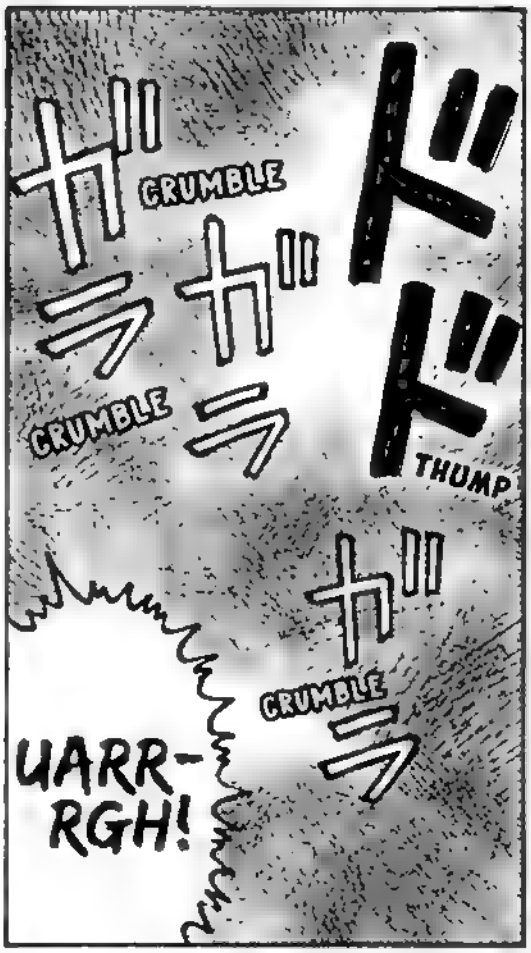
WE NEED EFFECTIVE COUNTER-MEASURES IMMEDIATELY
IN CONSEQUENCE, STRATEGIC HAMLET NO.14 SUFFERED A 40% DROP IN RELIC MINING EFFICIENCY!

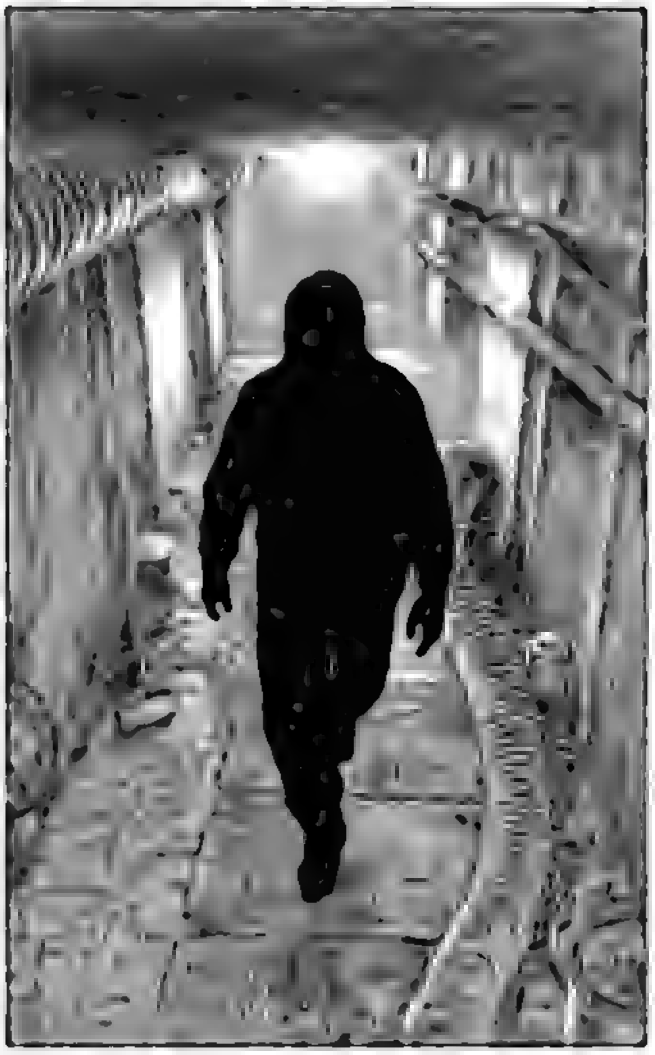
TEXT ON WALL: WEST OASIS - STRATEGIC HAMLET NO 14


CRASH
CRACK
WHA
LOOK OUT!


SNAP

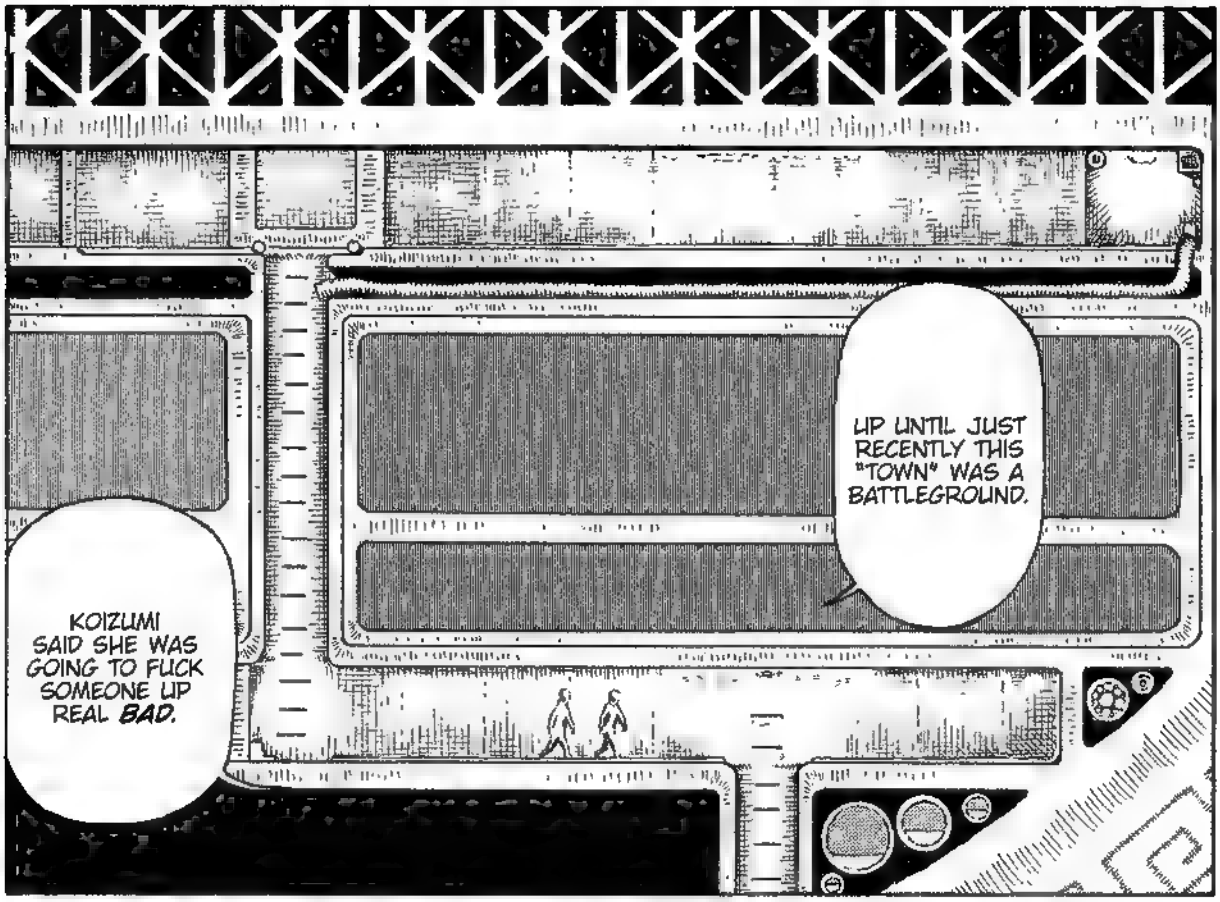

SOOO-RRY!
YOU IDIOT!
CRUMBLE
CRUMBLE
SMACK
Ouch!

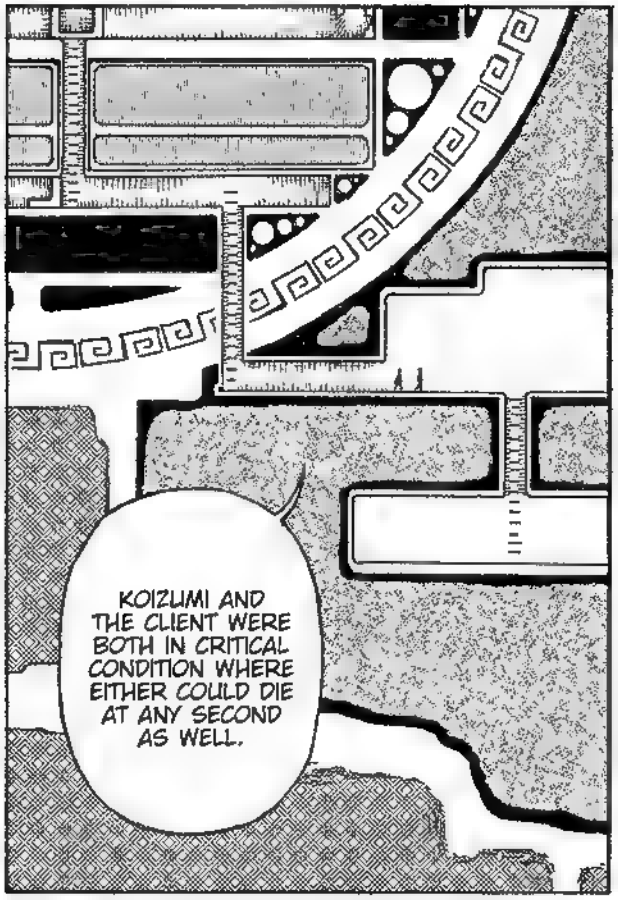

CRUMBLE
CRUMBLE
THUMP
CRUMBLE
UARR-RGH!

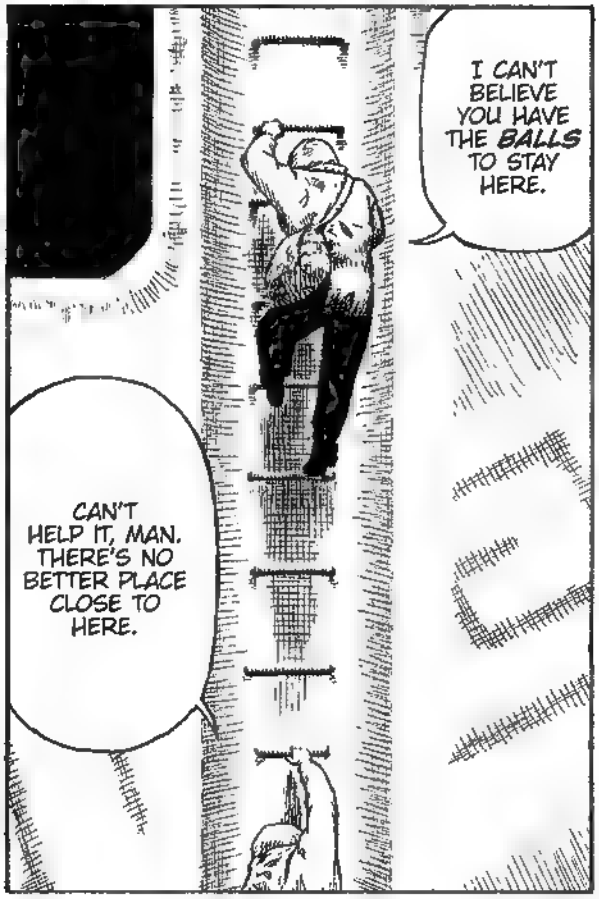


WHAT?
WHAT DOES HE SAY, WHAT?

YES.
LEADER OF B TEAM
IKEMITSU


KOIZUMI SAID SHE WAS GOING TO FUCK SOMEONE UP REAL *BAD*.
UP UNTIL JUST RECENTLY THIS "TOWN" WAS A BATTLEGROUND.


KOIZUMI AND THE CLIENT WERE BOTH IN CRITICAL CONDITION WHERE EITHER COULD DIE AT ANY SECOND AS WELL.


I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU HAVE THE *BALLS* TO STAY HERE.
CAN'T HELP IT, MAN. THERE'S NO BETTER PLACE CLOSE TO HERE.

ANYWAYS, WHAT'S WITH THIS ALL OF A SUDDEN?

A FIRST-TIMER WHO JOINS TO HELP OUT THE YELLOW TEAM...

ENDS UP *DEFEATING* THAT HURON IN THAT *HELLHOLE*,

AND MANAGES TO *EXTRACT* KOIZUMI. THAT'S THE KINDA FEAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT HERE.

Only a hero can do that sort of stuff, right?

GRIN

I guess so!

THE OPERATION ENDED ONLY RECENTLY BUT...

I SEE THE HERO IS STILL BUSY.

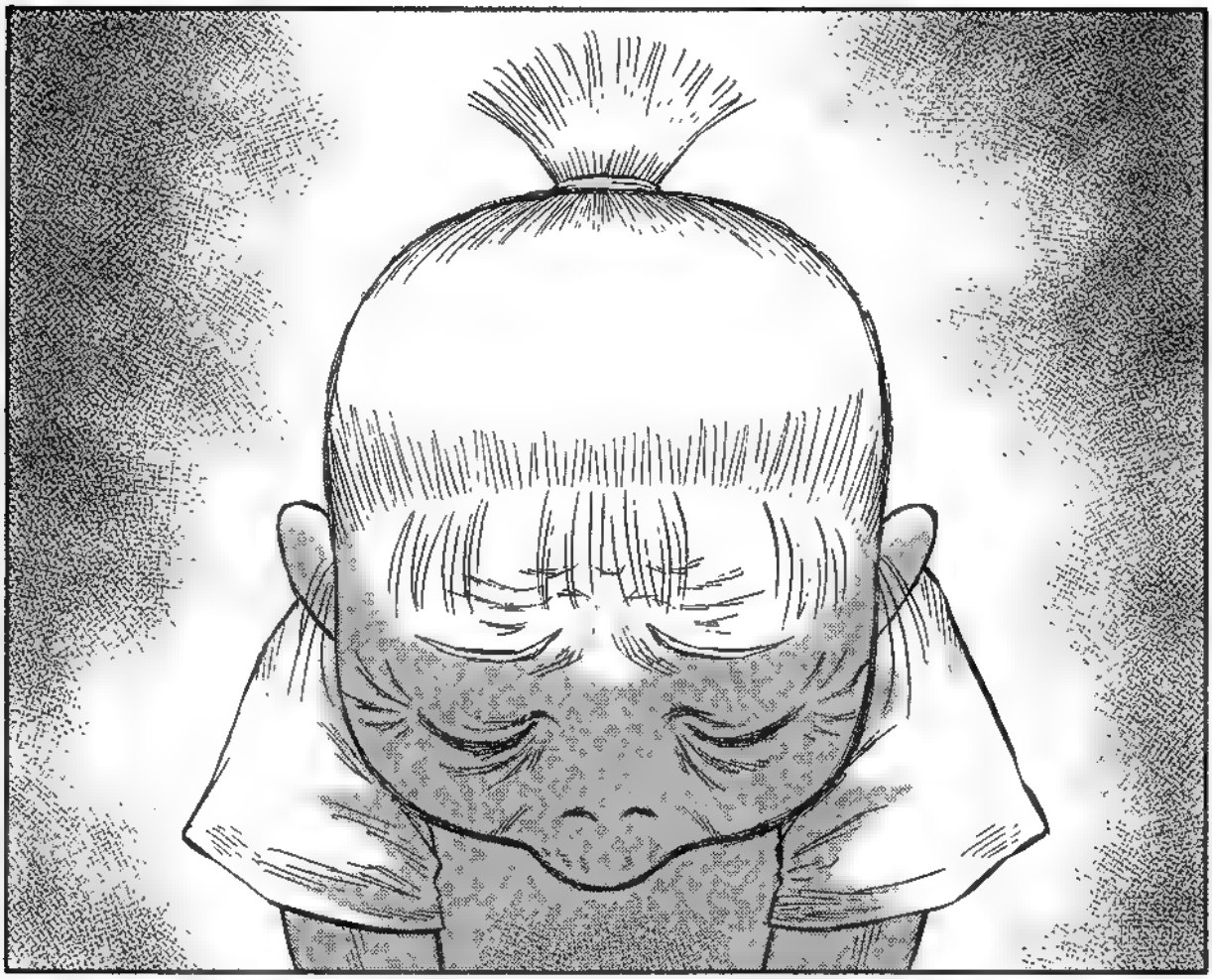
HERO?

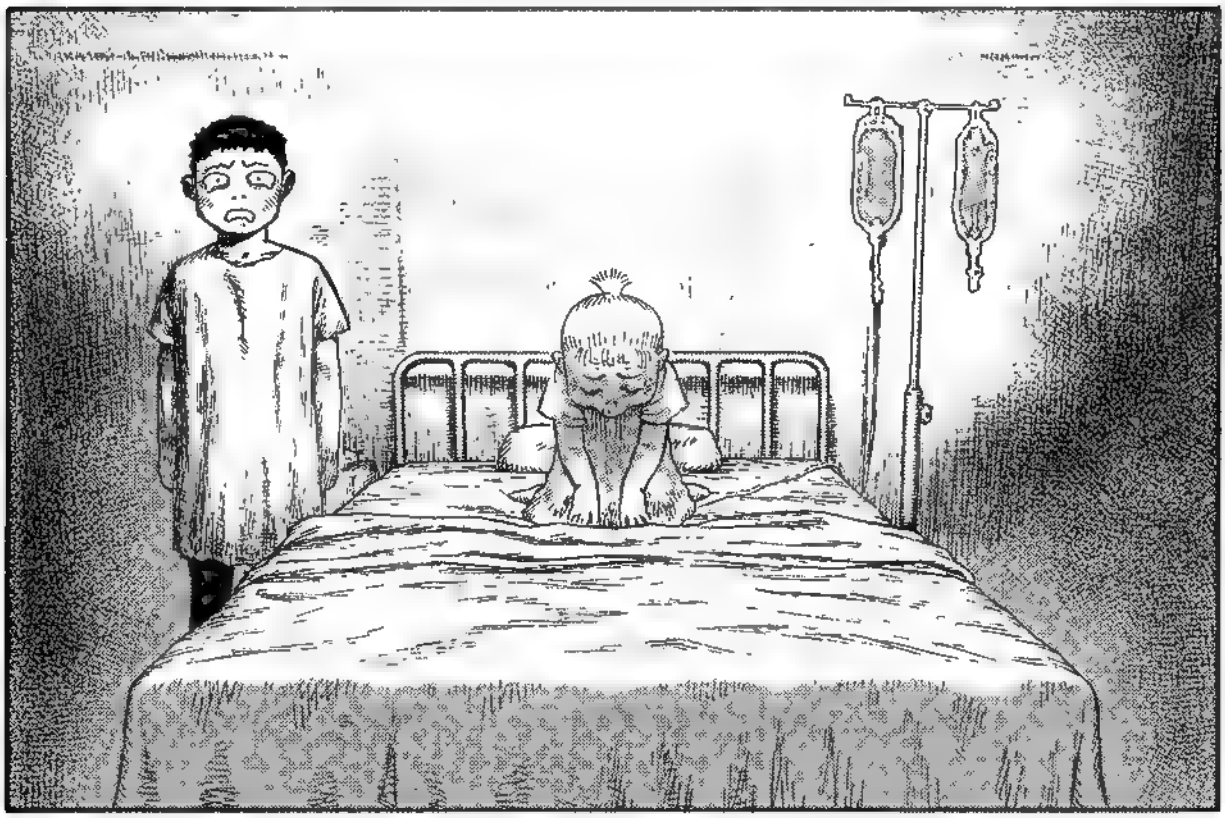
A HERO, RIGHT?

WHEN I MADE MY REPORT TO NATSU- I MEAN THE SERGEANT...
WE DID A PRETTY AWESOME JOB BACK THERE.
HONESTLY, I ALSO THINK...
Howzat?

SOME-THING'S ALSO BEEN BUGGING ME SINCE THEN...
Oh.
Dammit.
SHE SAID THERE WAS SOMETHING UNCLEAR THAT I NEEDED TO GO AND CLARIFY IMMEDIATELY.

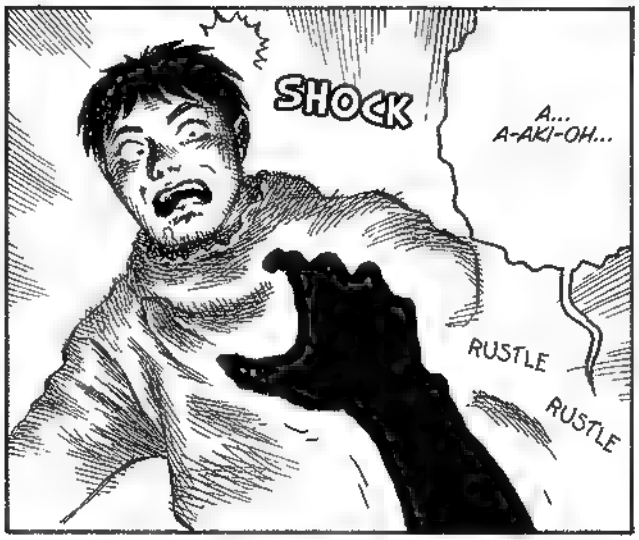
SO I CAME HERE HOPING KOIZUMI WOULD TELL ME SOME-THING.





17 YEARS OLD.
KOIZUMI TAIKO.
WHO'S THIS?

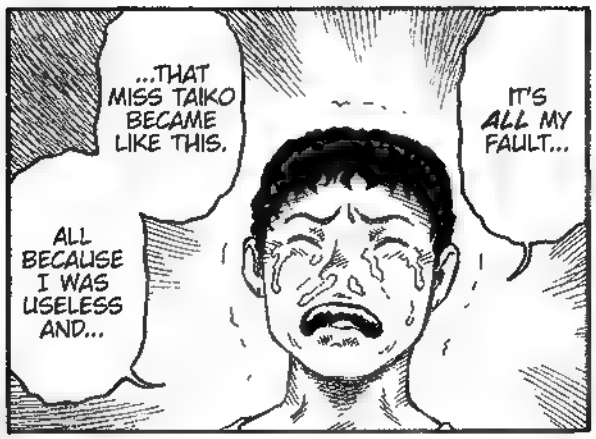
UHM...

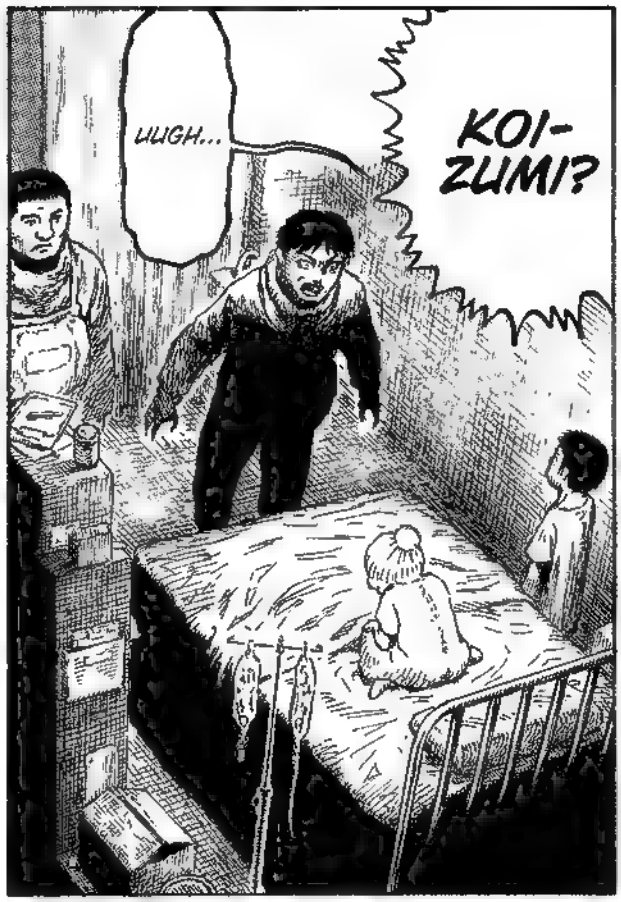

SHOCK
A... A-AKI-OH...
RUSTLE
RUSTLE

?

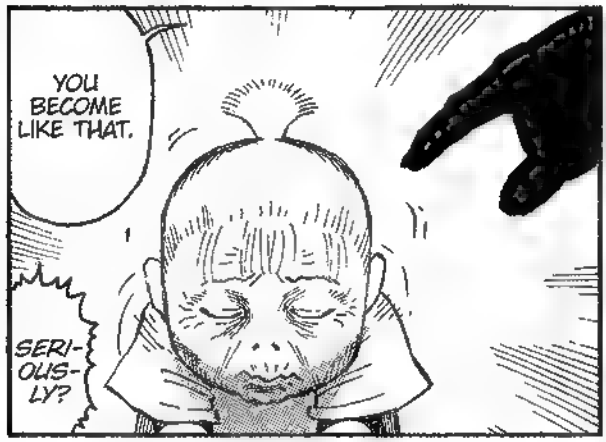
SHE LOOKS DRIED OUT AND WRINKLY, BUT THAT VOICE...

TH-THANK YOU... SO MUCH...
Y-YOU SAVED ME...


...THAT MISS TAIKO BECAME LIKE THIS.
IT'S ALL MY FAULT...
ALL BECAUSE I WAS USELESS AND...

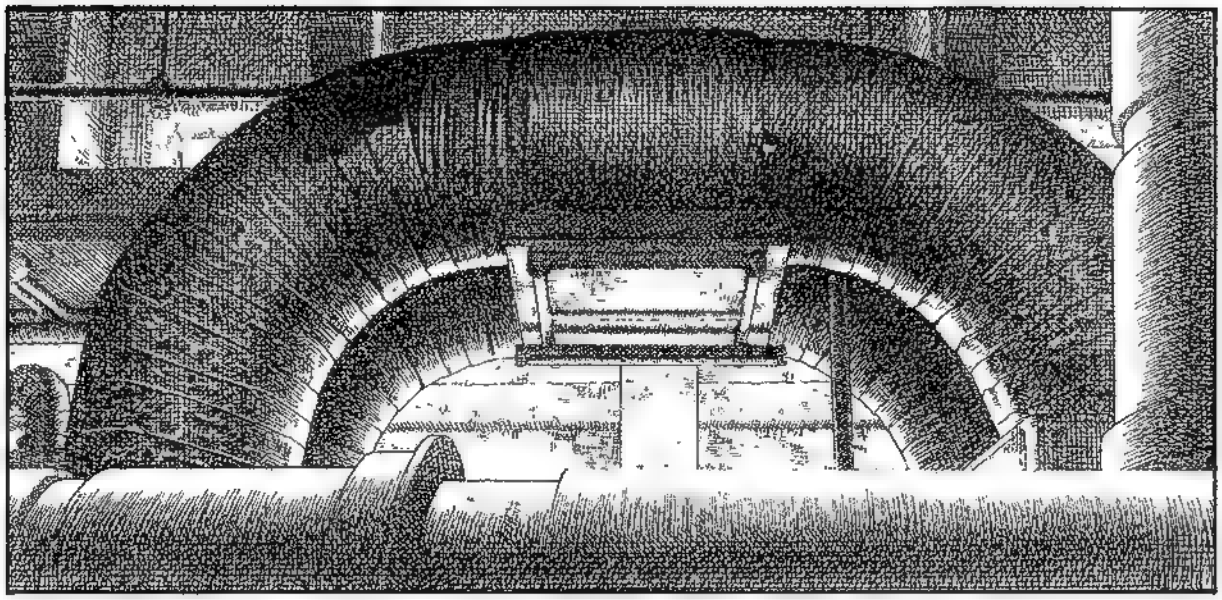

UUGH...
KOI-ZUMI?

STOP CRYING!
SHE SHRUNK SO MUCH!


YOU BECOME LIKE THAT.
SERI-OUS-LY?

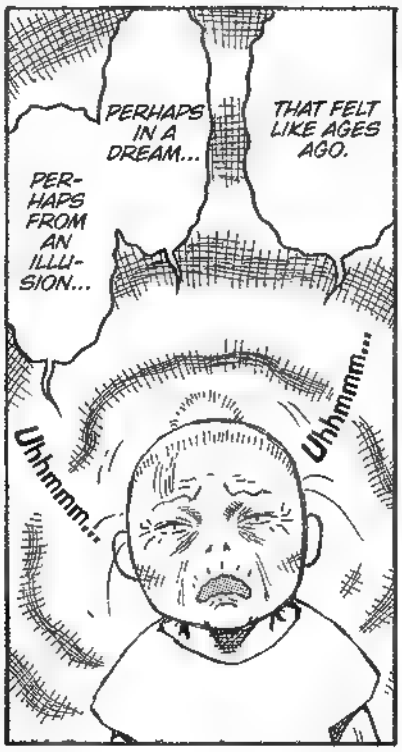
THEY DIE.
NORMALLY, WHEN A PERSON IS OVERWORKED AND SUSTAINS IMMENSE MENTAL STRESS...
UWAAAA
BUT AP-PARENTLY IF YOU DON'T DIE...

THAT'S IT? AWESOME.
OOH.
IT'S FINE. SHE SHOULD RECOVER IF SHE'D JUST DRINK SOME WATER AND GET SOME REST.

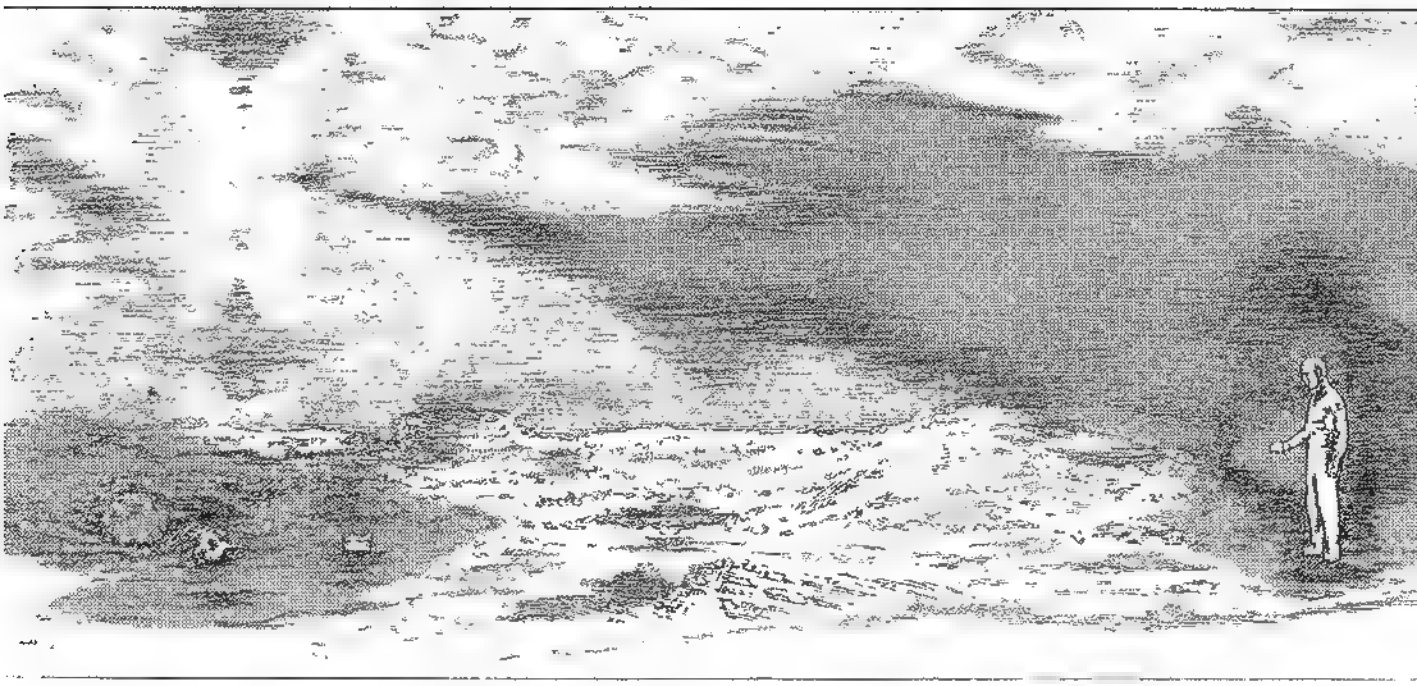


YOU WERE CAUGHT ON THE DEBRIS, WEREN'T YOU?
...
AFTER THE HUGE COLLAPSE?

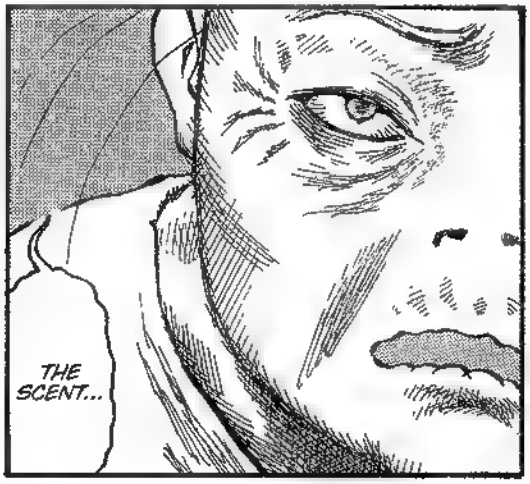
SHE'S GETTING BETTER! SHE WAS BLABBERING IN SOME UNKNOWN LANGUAGE JUST A WHILE AGO.
HEY, YOU SURE SHE'S FINE?


PERHAPS IN A DREAM...
THAT FELT LIKE AGES AGO.
PER-HAPS FROM AN ILLU-SION...
Uhhmmm...
Uhhmmm...

COL-LAPSE?
AAHH...
SOME-THING LIKE THAT...



I SEEM TO BE ABLE TO DISTINGUISH MORE KINDS OF SMELLS THAN EVER BEFORE.
SPEAK-ING OF WHICH...

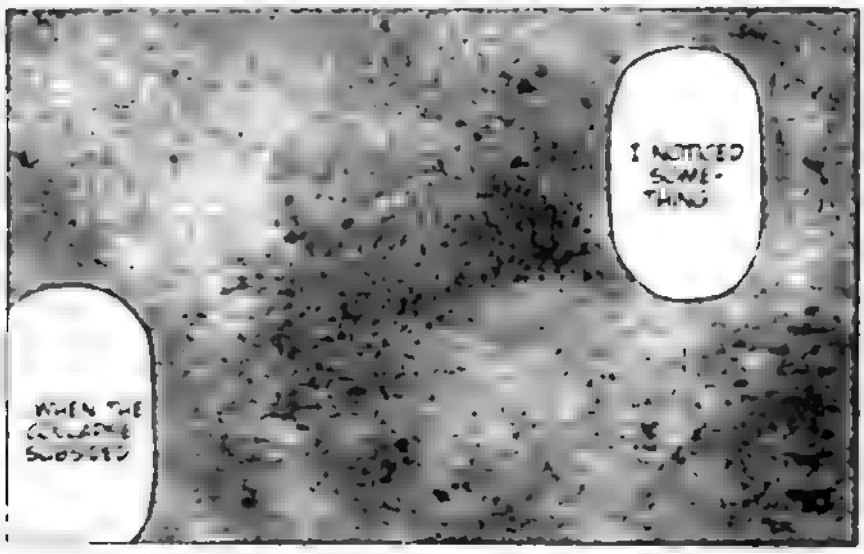

THE SCENT...

...

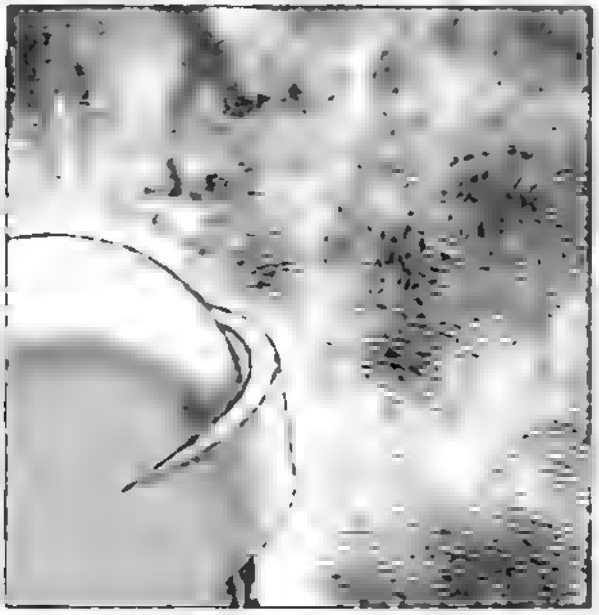
I WAS ABLE TO GRASP MY SURROUNDINGS...
JUST FROM THE SCENT...

WHAT WAS THAT THING THAT WAS BUGGING YOU?
SO...

IT'S GOTTA BE YOUR IMAGINATION. YOU WERE IN A MESS.
...
I WONDER IF THAT WAS JUST A DREAM


I NOTICED SOME-THING
WHEN THE CELLAR SHOOKED

!?



CRUMBLE ドド

CRASH ガガ

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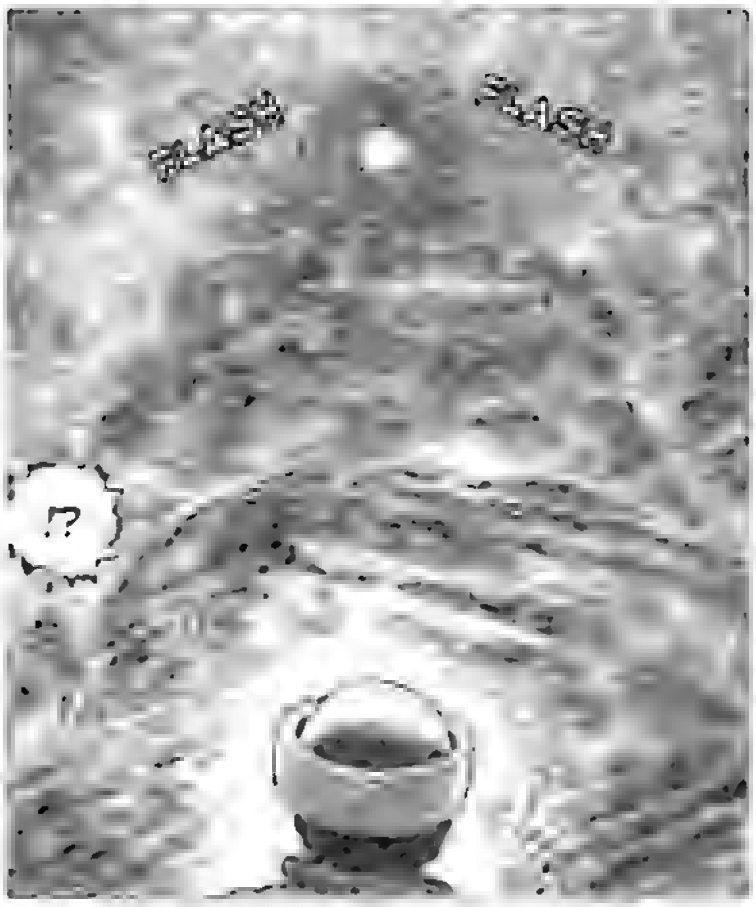
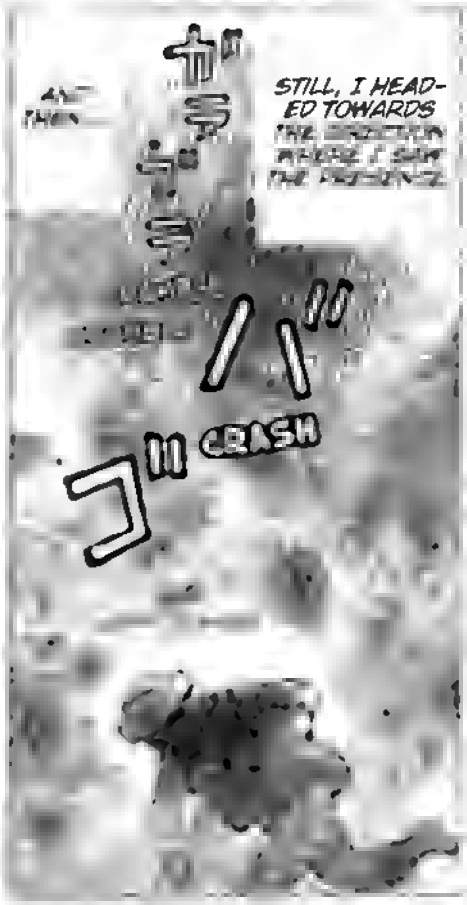
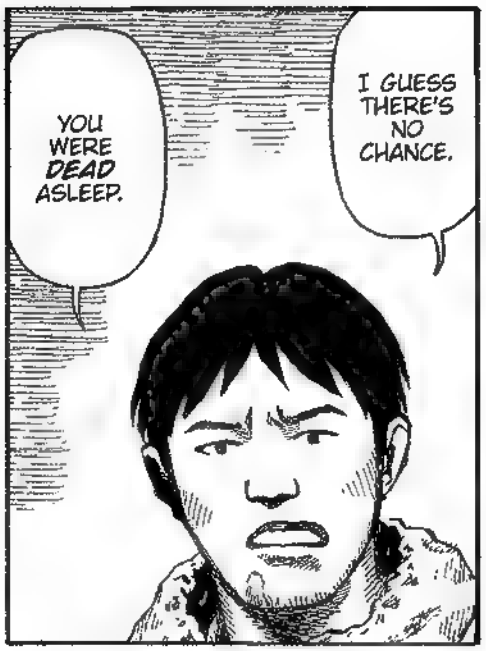

FLASH
FLASH
!?

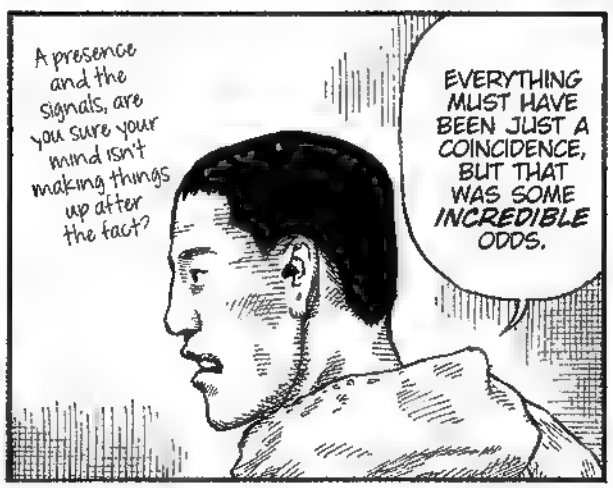

AND THEN...
STILL, I HEADED TOWARDS THE DIRECTION WHERE I SAW THE PRESENCE.
CRASH

I DIED A SUDDEN CRUSHING ON THE BUBBLE.

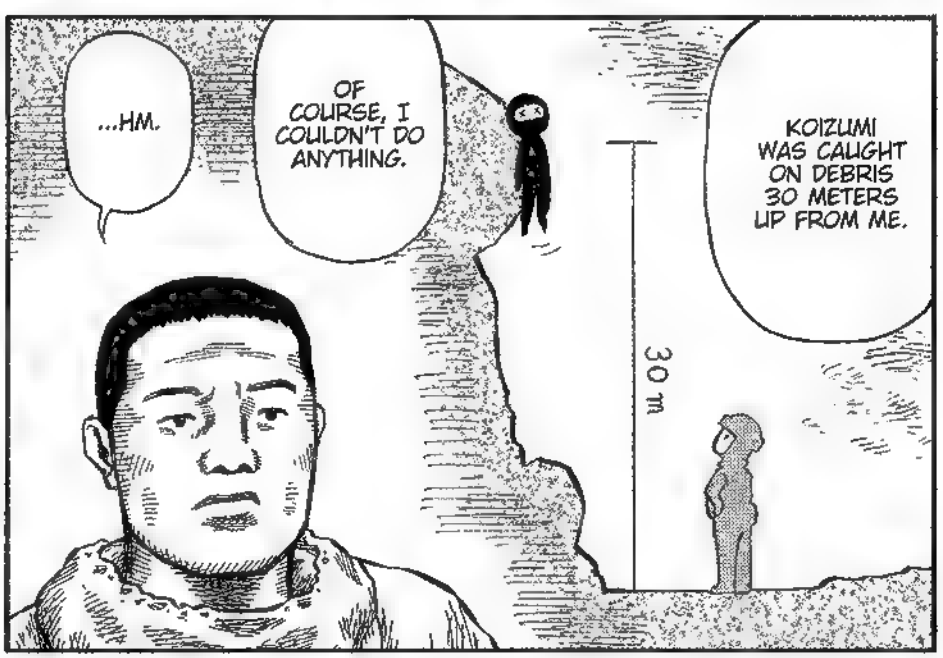

YOU WERE DEAD ASLEEP.
I GUESS THERE'S NO CHANCE.

I DON'T REMEM... BER.
Erm...
Aah.
DID YOU SIGNAL AT ME?

WELL, THAT WASN'T ALL.
HUH?


A presence and the signals, are you sure your mind isn't making things up after the fact?
EVERYTHING MUST HAVE BEEN JUST A COINCIDENCE, BUT THAT WAS SOME INCREDIBLE ODDS.

AND THERE IT WAS, RIGHT BEFORE MY EYES.


...HM.
OF COURSE, I COULDN'T DO ANYTHING.
KOIZUMI WAS CAUGHT ON DEBRIS 30 METERS UP FROM ME.
30 m

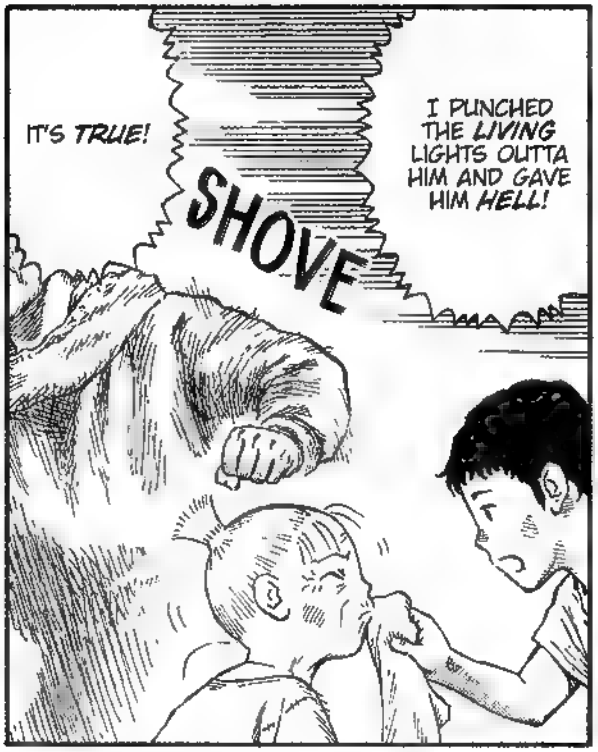
...WAS RIGHT ON TOP OF THE FRESH PILE OF RUBBLE.
THE WINCH KOIZUMI SUPPOSEDLY THREW AWAY...

NO MATTER HOW YOU PUT IT,
IT SOUNDED LIKE YOU WERE GUIDED ALONG BY SOMEONE TO SAVE KOIZUMI.
SLURP
SEE? DOESN'T THIS BUG YOU?

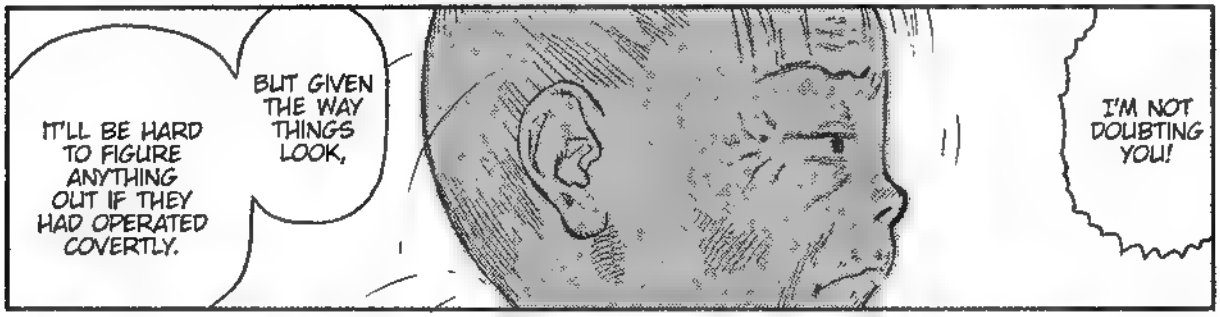
SPEAKING OF WHICH...

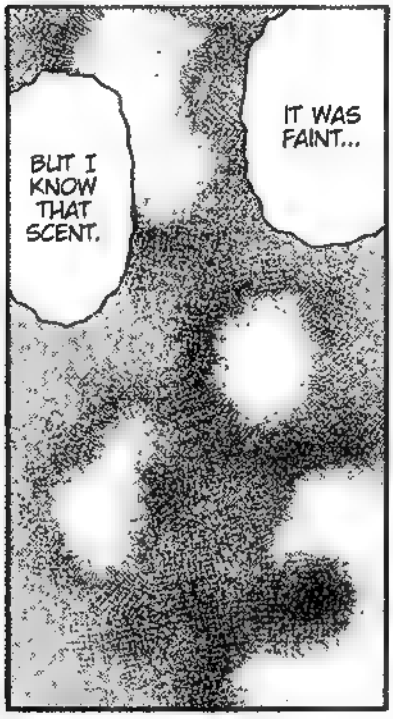
...

EVEN I DON'T HAVE FULL CONFIDENCE IN MY OWN MEMORY.
BUT HERE'S THE THING.
The mind tries to make sense of confused memories by filling in the blanks, and then assumes that to be the real version of events
Something like that
My mind making memories up after the fact? Sounds valid.


IT'S TRUE!
SHOVE
I PUNCHED THE LIVING LIGHTS OUTTA HIM AND GAVE HIM HELL!

...STILL HASN'T BEEN FOUND.
THAT HURON YOU DEFEATED...

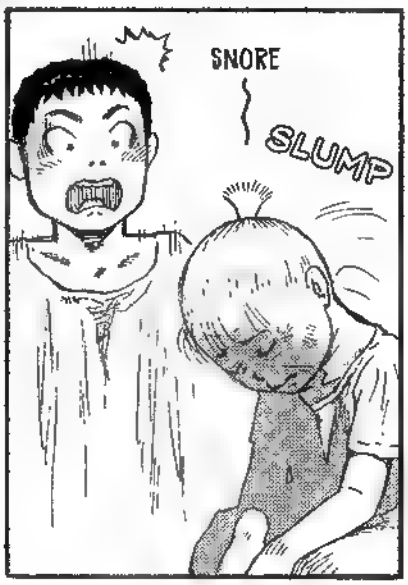

IT'LL BE HARD TO FIGURE ANYTHING OUT IF THEY HAD OPERATED COVERTLY.
BUT GIVEN THE WAY THINGS LOOK,
I'M NOT DOUBTING YOU!

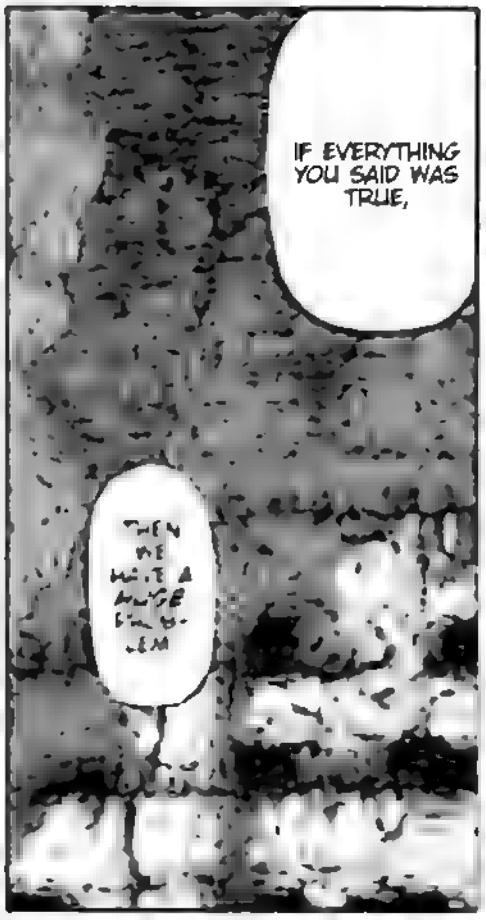

BUT I KNOW THAT SCENT.
IT WAS FAINT...

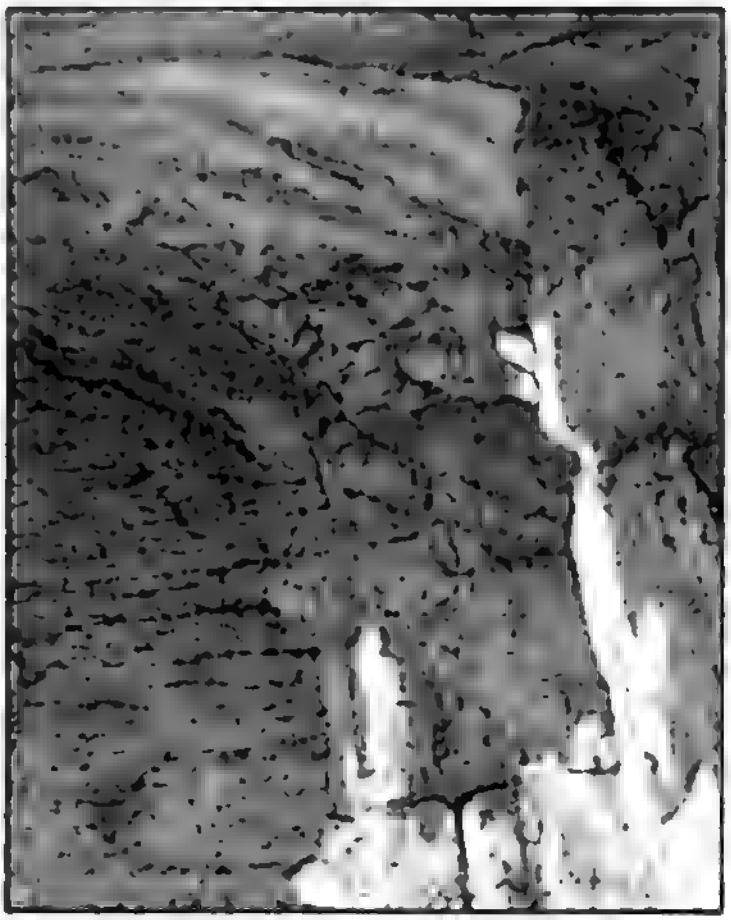
THAT WAS A REALLY UNPLEASANT SMELL.

...NO.
DOES THIS HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH KOIZUMI'S CASE?
I was only curious.

A VERY DAN-GEROUS SCENT.



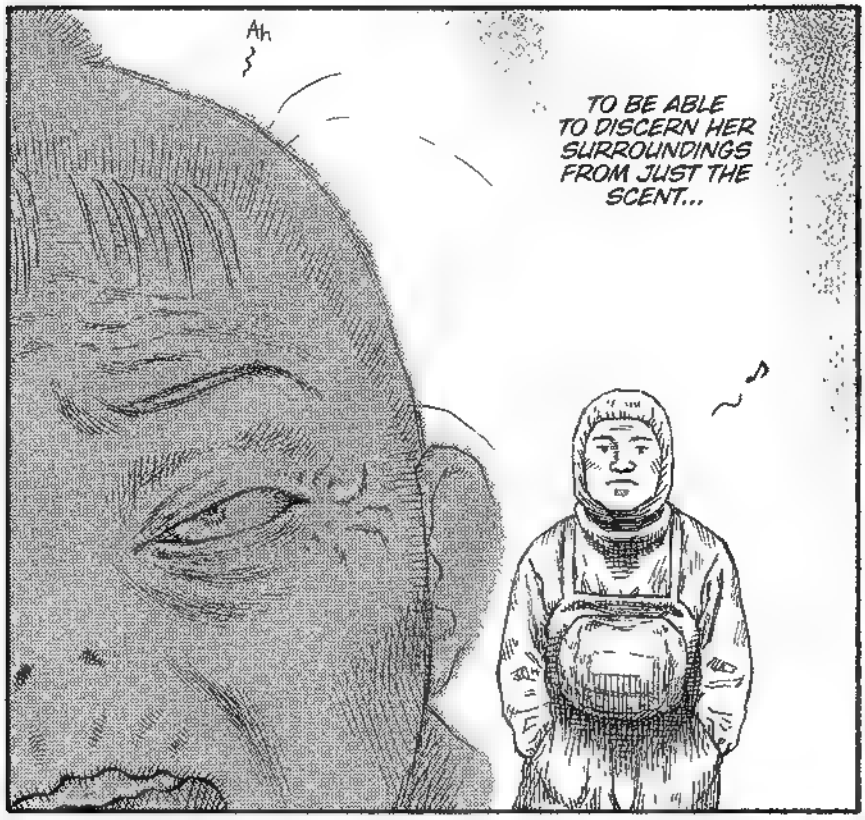

IF EVERYTHING YOU SAID WAS TRUE,
THEN WE HAVE A HUGE PROBLEM

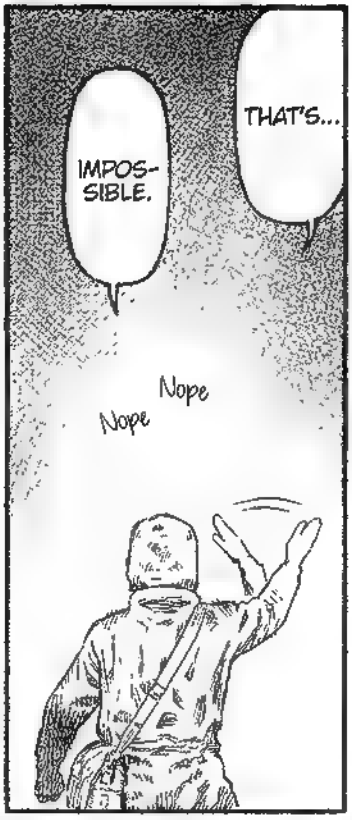


WHAT DO YOU THINK?
COULD SHE HAVE REMEMBERED SOMETHING AFTER HER RECOVERY?

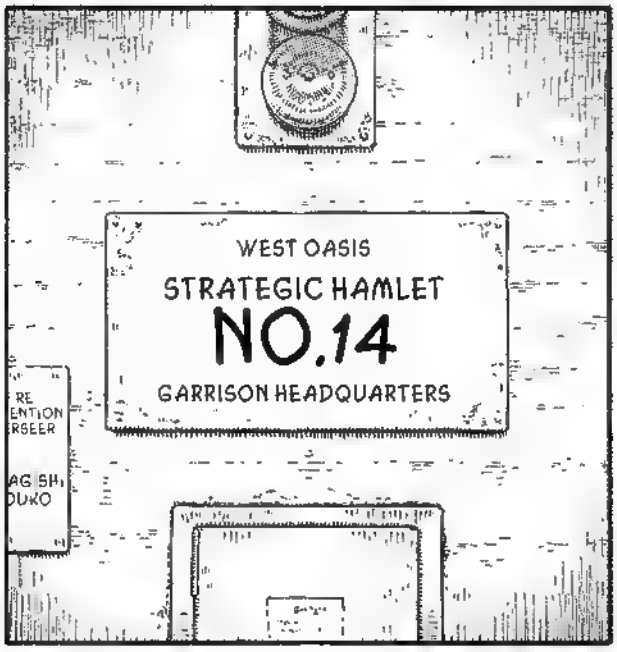
...

KOZUMI CAME BACK THINKING SHE SAW SOMETHING
BUT WE HAVE NO WAY TO CONFIRM IT


Ah
TO BE ABLE TO DISCERN HER SURROUNDINGS FROM JUST THE SCENT...


THAT'S...
IMPOS-SIBLE.
Nope
Nope

HOW AM I SUPPOSED TO REPORT THAT?
Sigh
TOTTER
TOTTER
I GIVE UP.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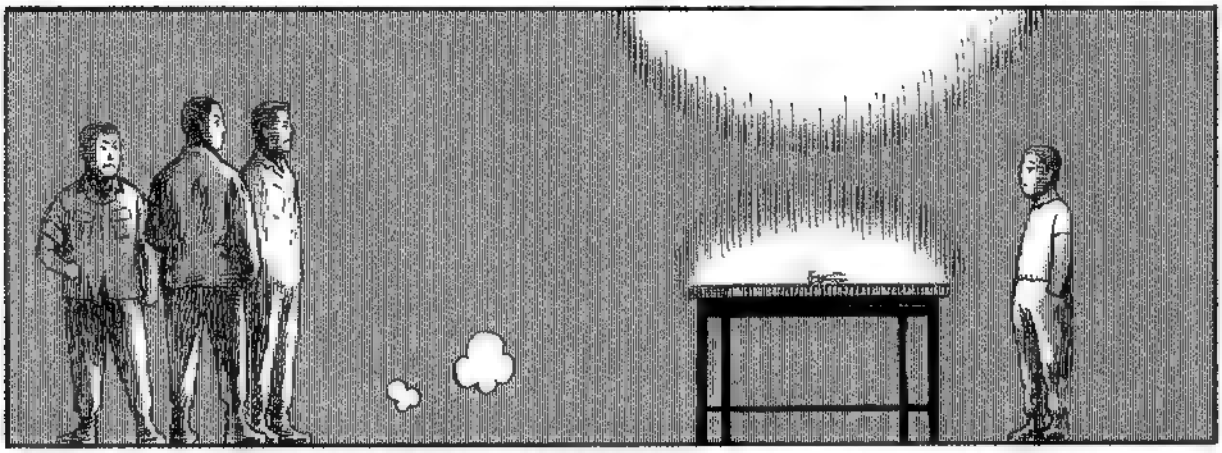
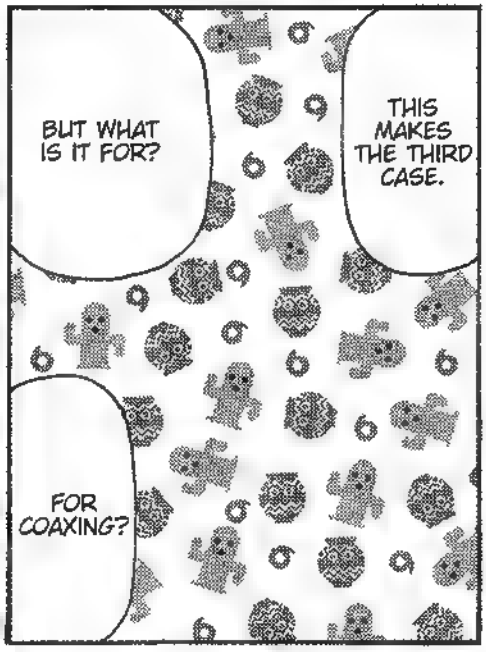


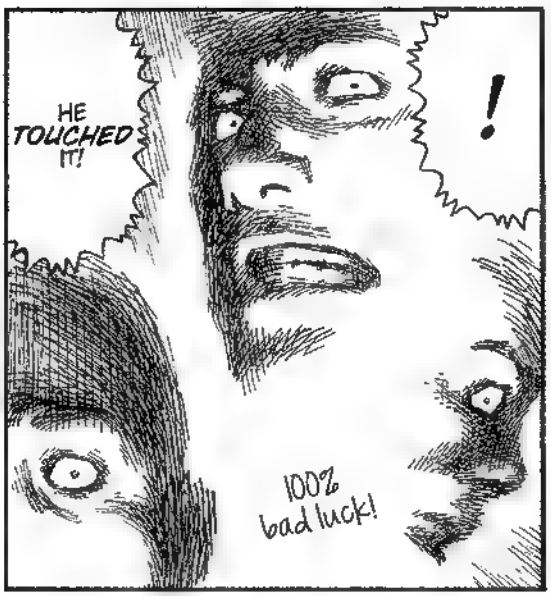
WELL, TO SAY IT WAS A SUCCESS WOULD BE A BIT...
I SEE DESERT PRESCHOOL EDUCATION WAS A SUCCESS.

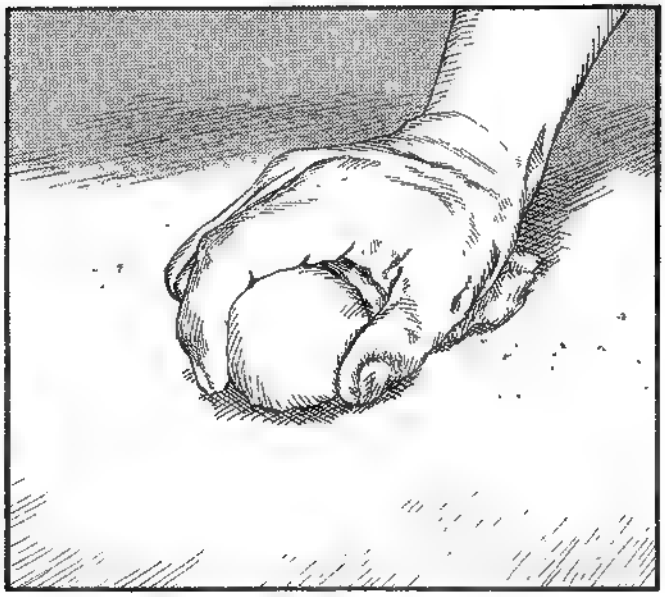
TSK.

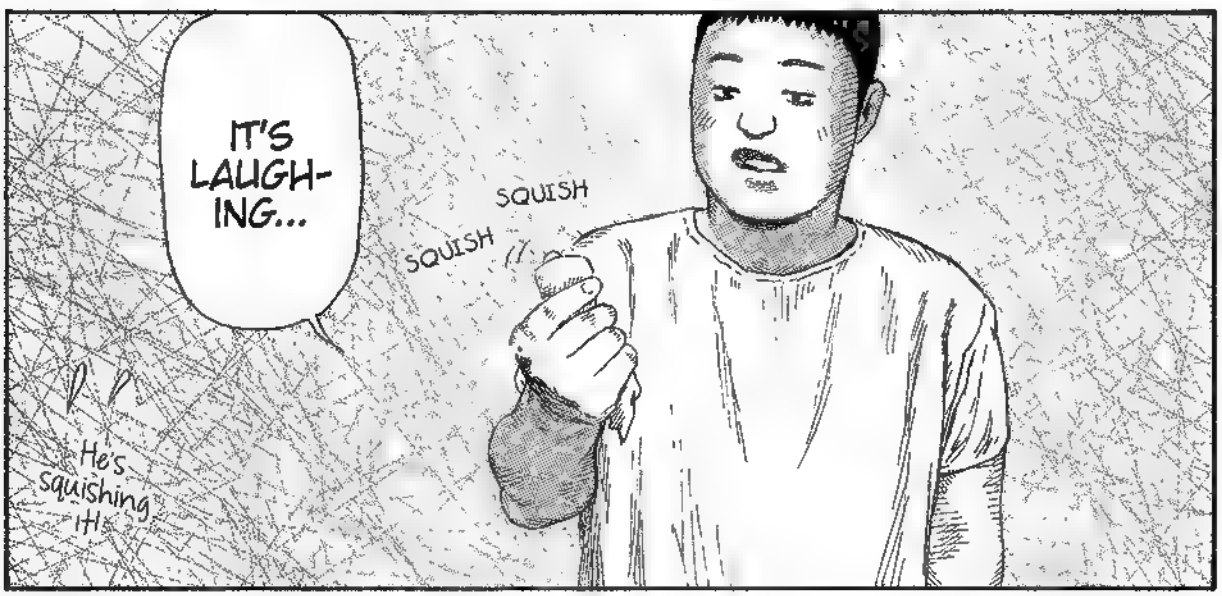
VERY SORRY!
I AM WELL AWARE.

THIS IS GONNA GIVE A BAD IMPRESSION IF IT'S USED TO COAX.
I'M SAYING, THEY'RE TRYING TO APPEAL TO THE BIGWIGS WITHIN THE ALLIANCE.
AREN'T WE ALLIES WITH THE SOUTH? WHY DO WE EVEN NEED THIS?
LIKE AN HONOR OR WHAT-NOT.
It's a sym-bol.


BUT WHAT IS IT FOR?
THIS MAKES THE THIRD CASE.
FOR COAXING?


HE TOUCHED IT!
!
100% bad luck!




IT'S LAUGH-ING...
SQUISH
SQUISH
He's squishing it!

...AT US.

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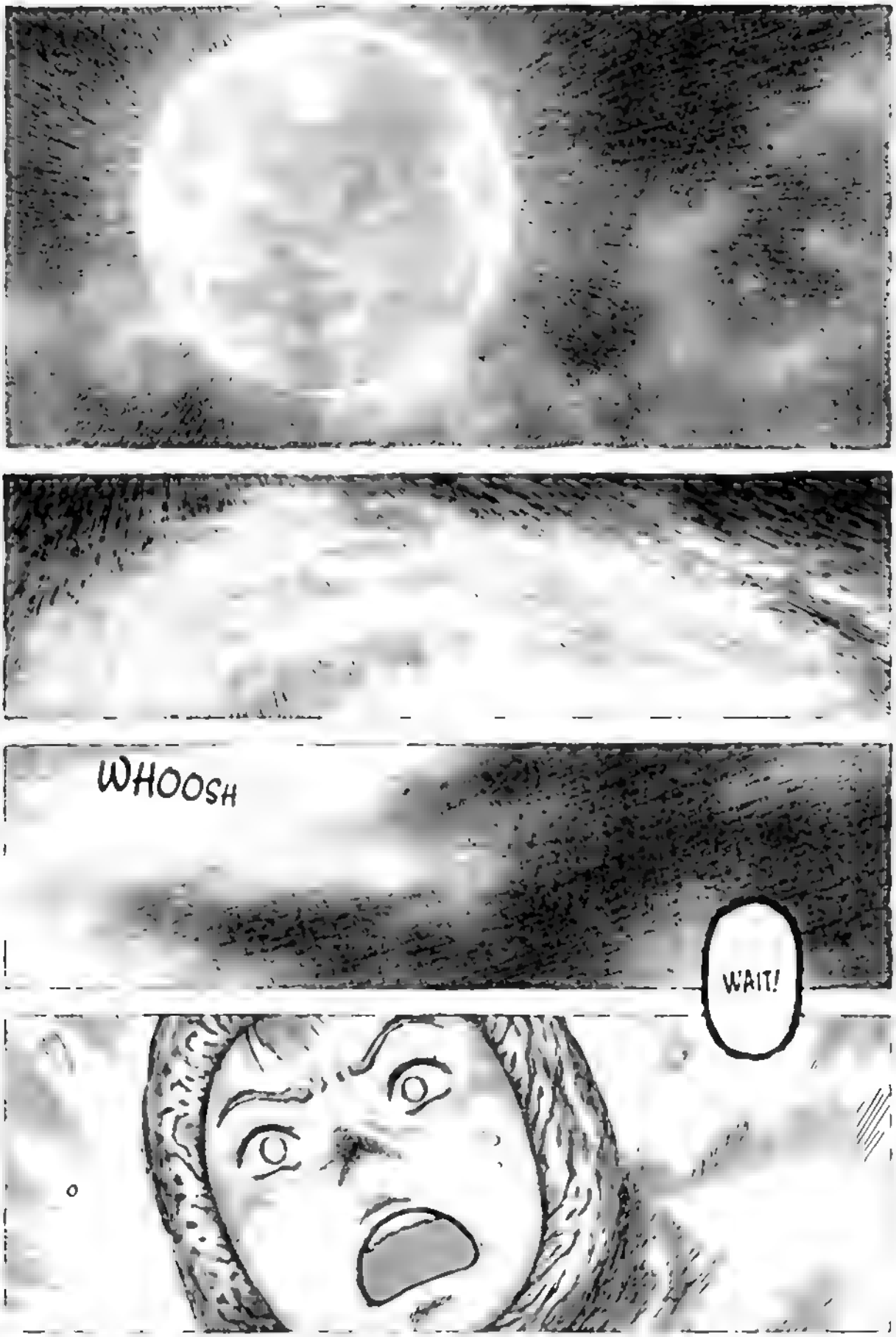
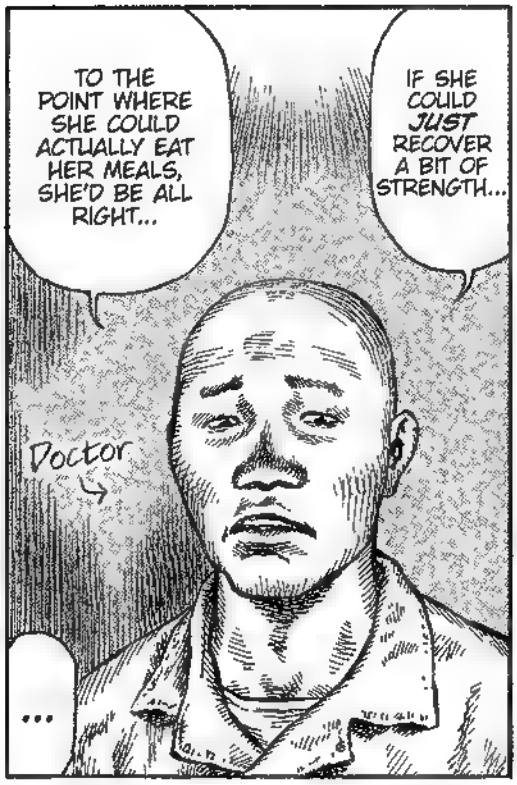
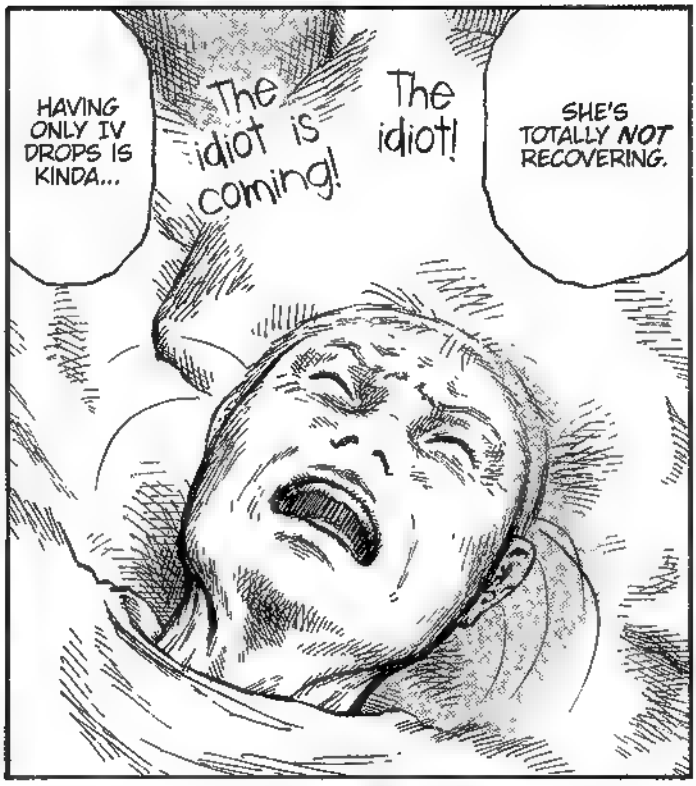

WHOOSH
WAIT!

WAIT UP!
ヒタヒタ
STEP
STEP
STEP

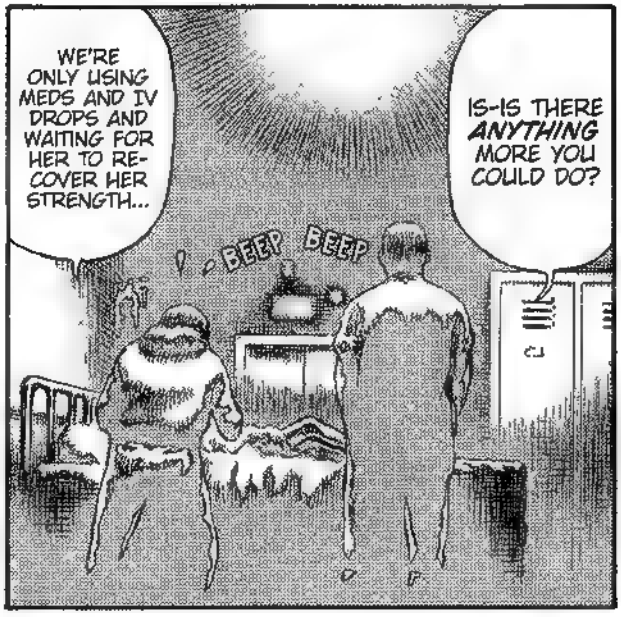
Eeeek!
Don't leave me behind!
BEEP
BEEP
UUGGH!
SHE'S HAVING BAD A DREAM AGAIN.
DO-DOC-TOR...
BEEP
BEEP
MISS TA-TAIKO...
BEEP
BEEP
IT'S BEEPING LIKE CRAZY.

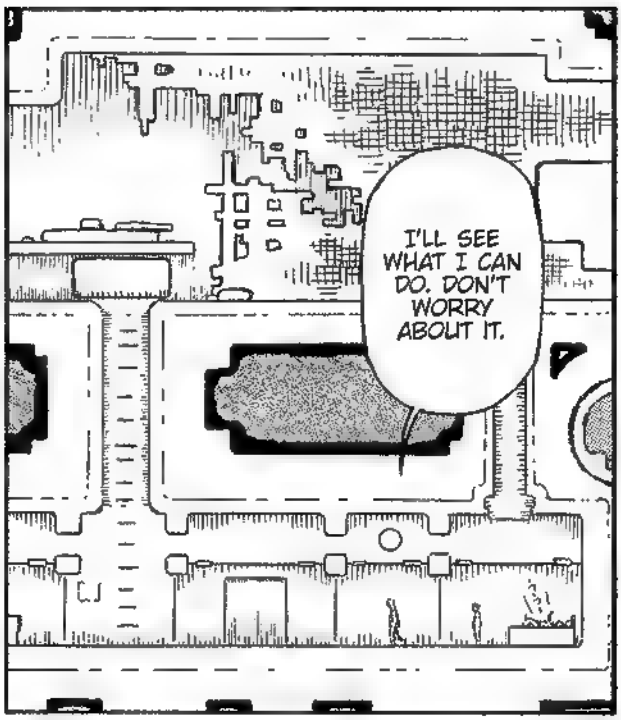

TO THE POINT WHERE SHE COULD ACTUALLY EAT HER MEALS, SHE'D BE ALL RIGHT...
IF SHE COULD JUST RECOVER A BIT OF STRENGTH...
Doctor
...


HAVING ONLY IV DROPS IS KINDA...
The idiot is coming!
The idiot!
SHE'S TOTALLY NOT RECOVERING.

SHE'S NOT GETTING BETTER AT ALL.
Stupid- Contagious! You dirty- stinking-
Don't come near me!
BUT THE BAD DREAMS SEEM TO BE TAKING A TOLL ON HER.

THERE ARE RESTRICTIONS FOR THE KIND OF DRUGS WE CAN USE ON YOU GUYS.
YOU ALREADY KNOW WHY, DON'T YOU?


WE'RE ONLY USING MEDS AND IV DROPS AND WAITING FOR HER TO RE-COVER HER STRENGTH...
IS-IS THERE ANYTHING MORE YOU COULD DO?
BEEP BEEP


I'LL SEE WHAT I CAN DO. DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT.

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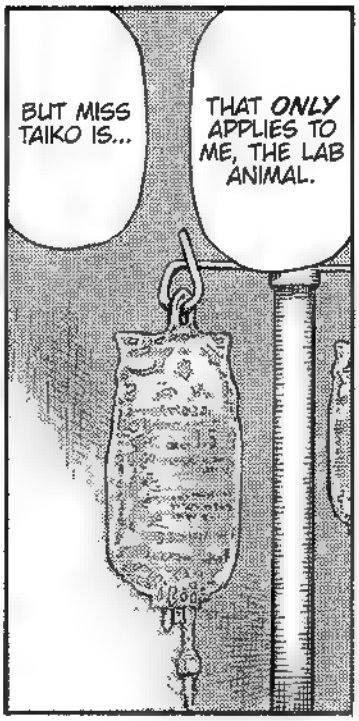
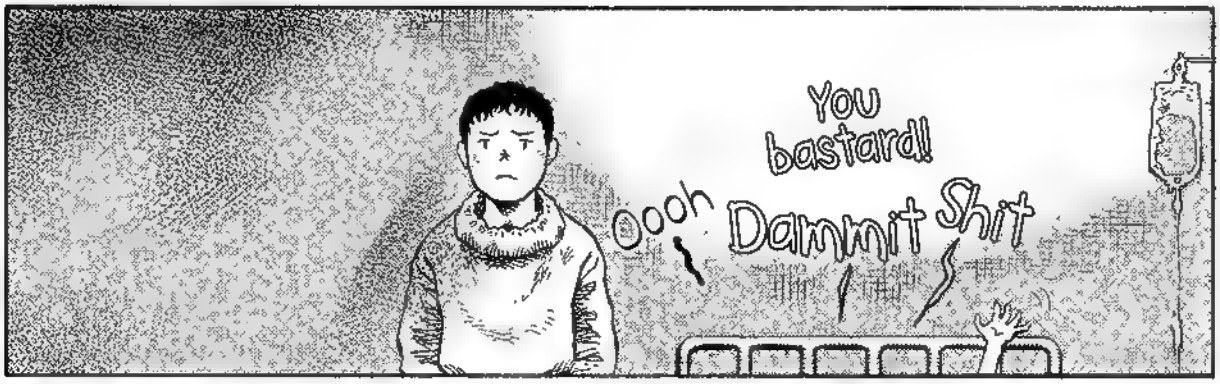

BUT MISS TAIKO IS...
THAT *ONLY* APPLIES TO ME, THE LAB ANIMAL.


You bastard!
Oooh
Dammit
Shit

GLOOM
Eek

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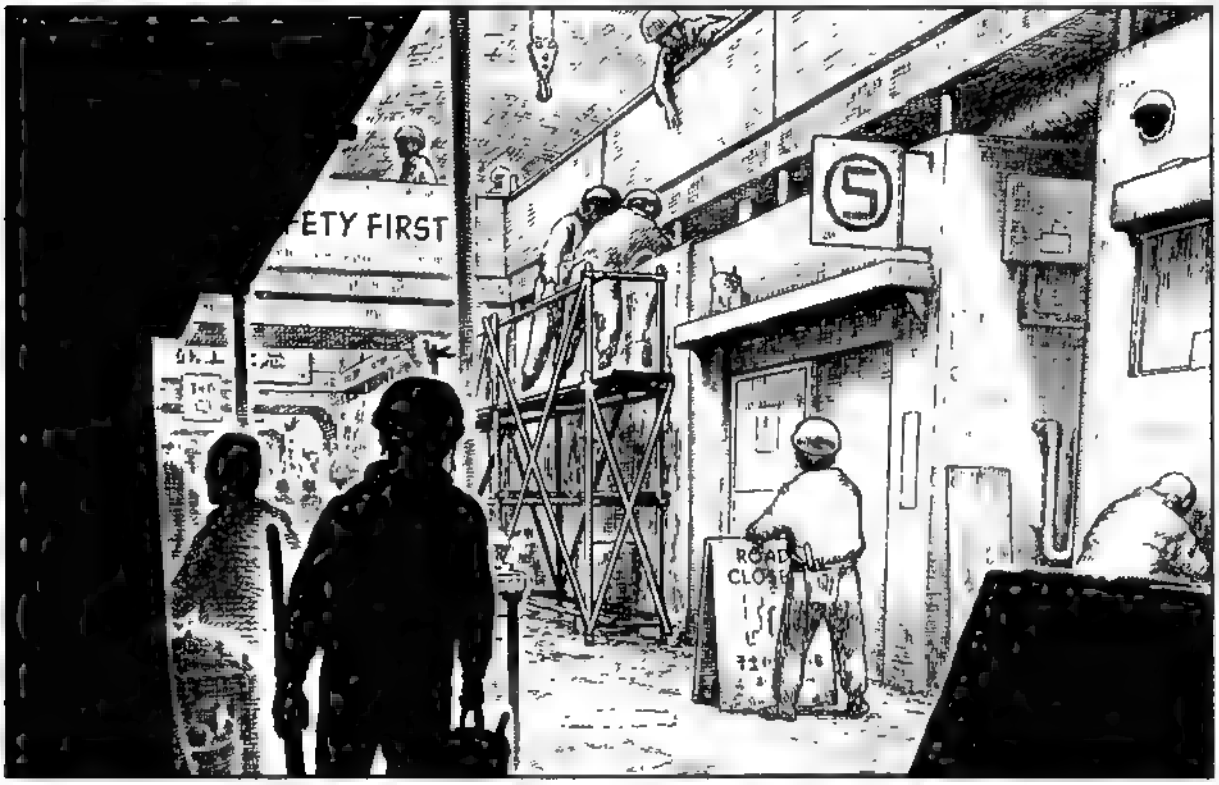
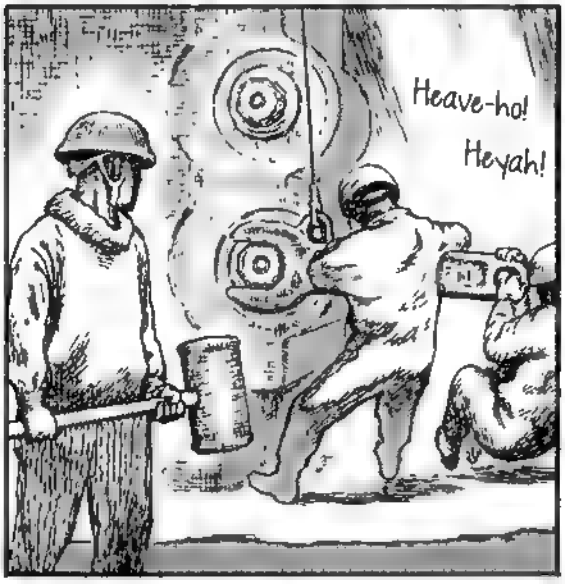
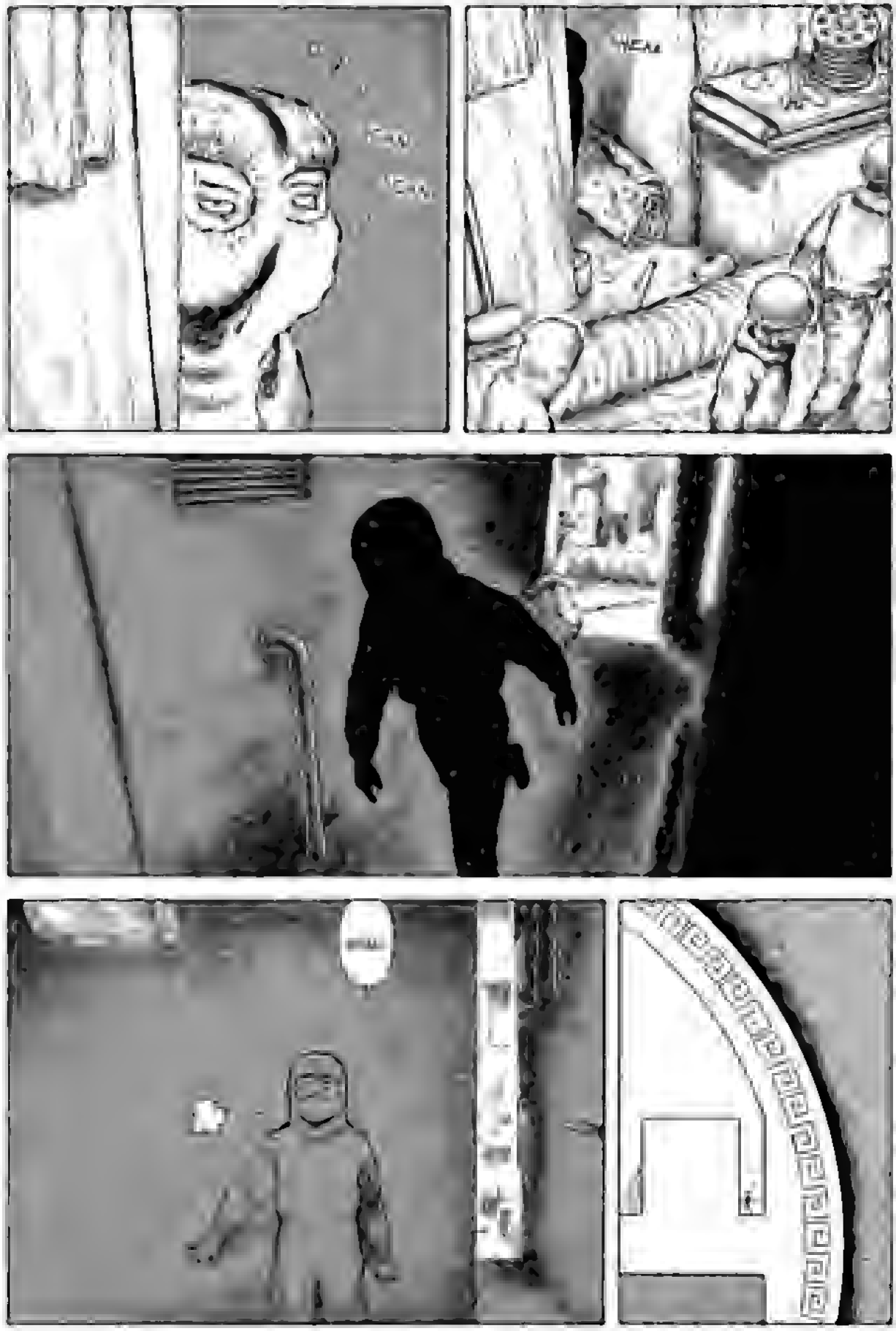
第14戦略村

ON SIGN: WEST OASIS: STRATEGIC HAMLET NO.14







YO! WE HAVE A POWER OUTAGE HERE!
BA-DUMP

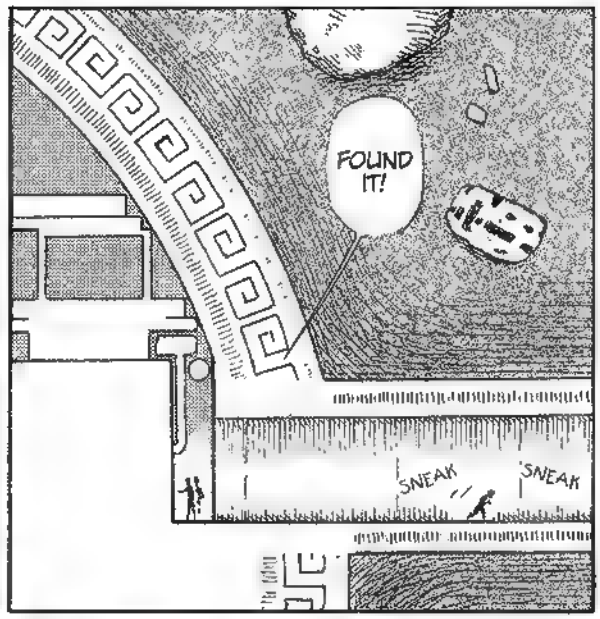
WHAT TO DO.
I KNEW IT, THE PANTRIES ARE STILL CLOSED EVERYWHERE I GO...

JUST OVER THERE.
THE SWITCH-BOARD IS

OVER HERE.

LET'S SEE...
HUH?

HURRY UP AND FIX IT!
What on earth are you doing?
IT SHORT-ED!
AGH! IT'S ALL BURNT!
I can't go out that way for the time being.

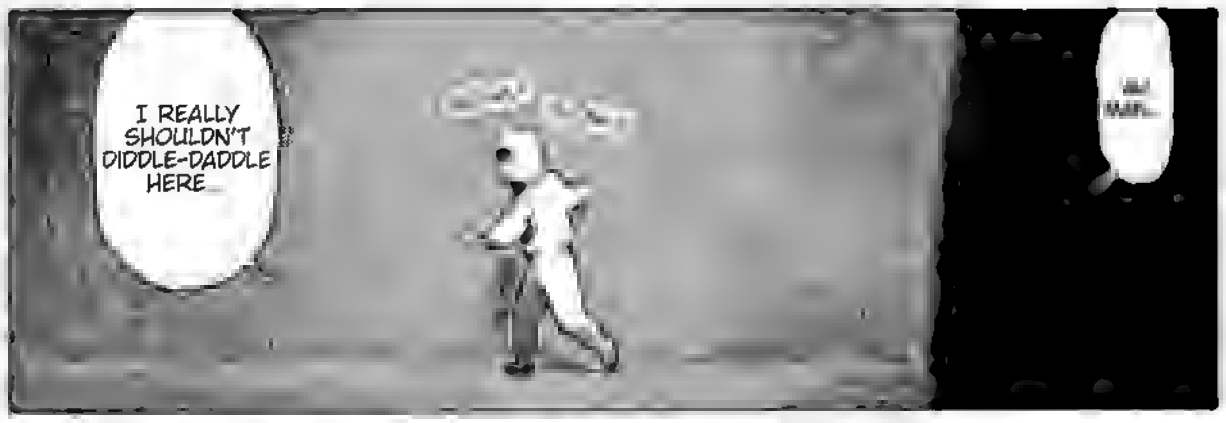

FOUND IT!
SNEAK
SNEAK

BUT SINCE I SNEAKED OUT TO COME HERE,
I HAVE AN ID PREPARED,
SO I'LL BE OKAY EVEN IF THEY SEARCHED ME.
I CAN'T AFFORD TO SLIP-UP.

Eek!

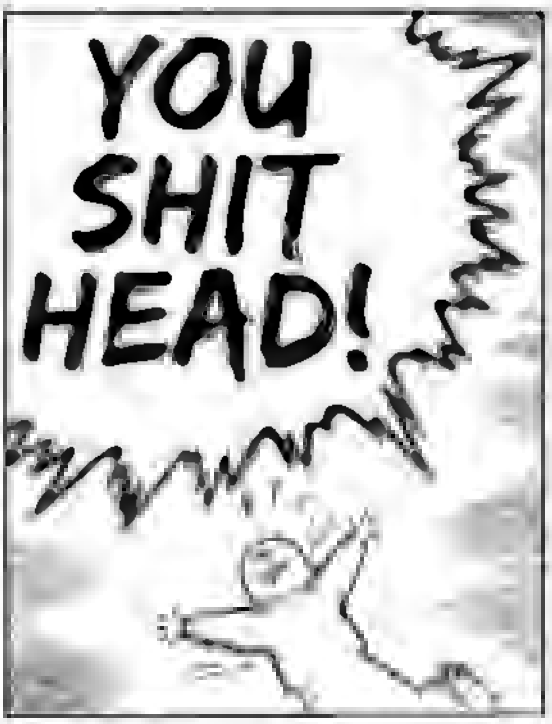
I DON'T LIKE UNDER-GROUND RUINS.
So cramped! So dark!
I WONDER IF THERE ARE ANY OTHER EXITS?

IT'S LIKE A MAZE


I REALLY SHOULDN'T DIDDLE-DADDLE HERE...

WHACK
YOU BUNCH OF SHITTY USELESS MASSIVE TRASH!
STEP STEP
HM?

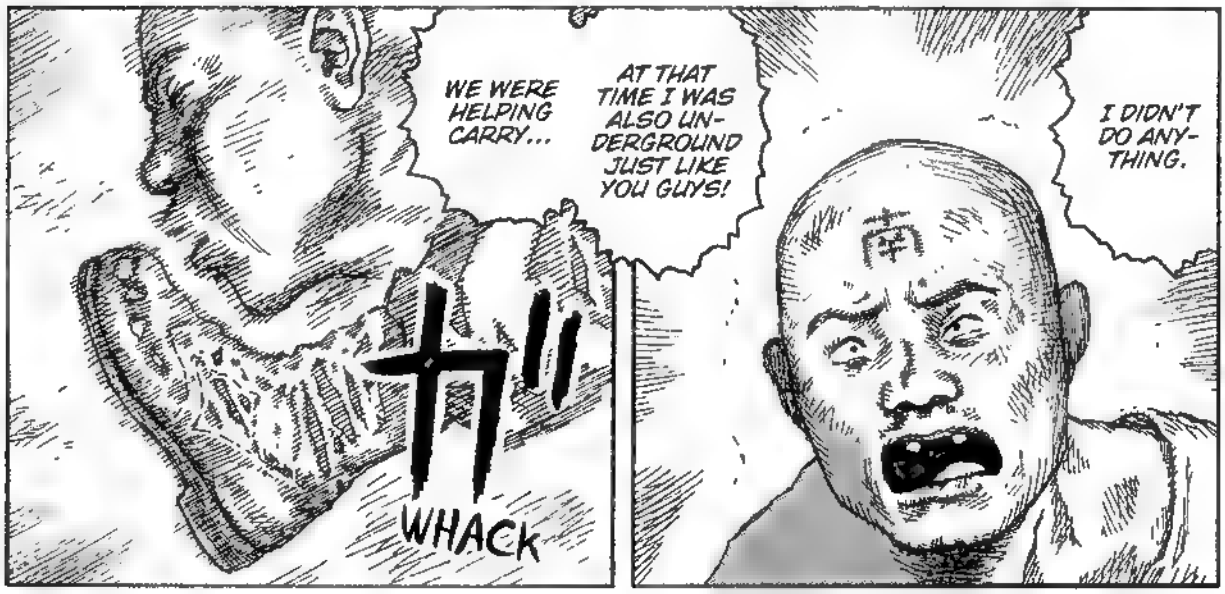
THEY FOUND ME!


YOU SHIT HEAD!

KILL THAT MAGGOT TRASH!
KILL HIM!

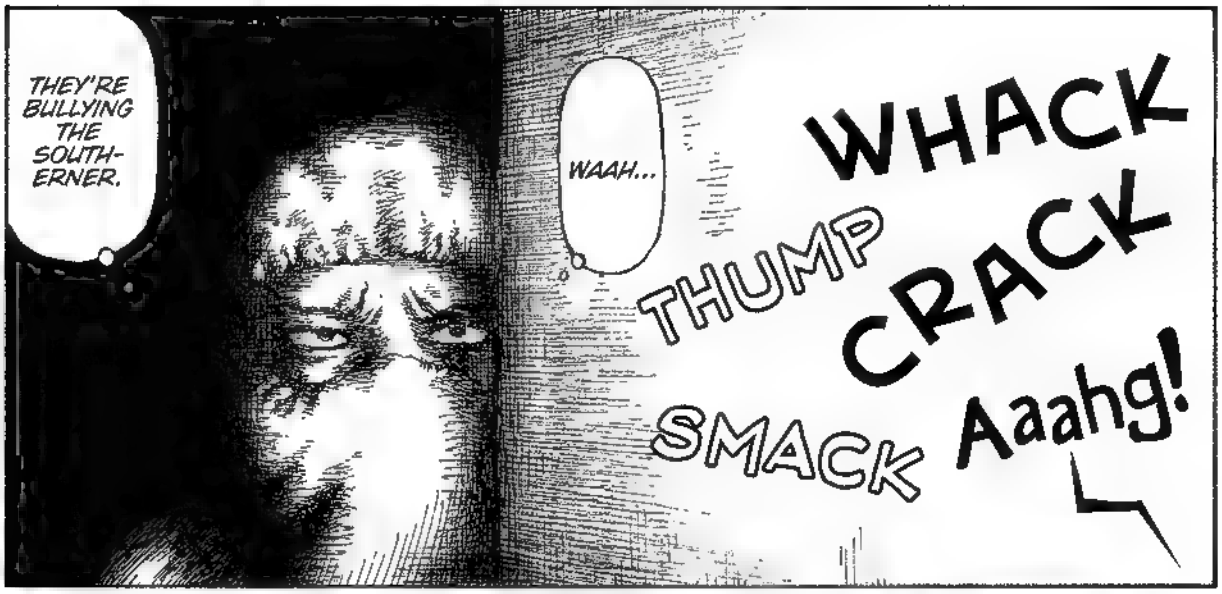
BEAT HIM TO DEATH!
KILL HIM!
AGHH!
UGRAH!
FUCK!

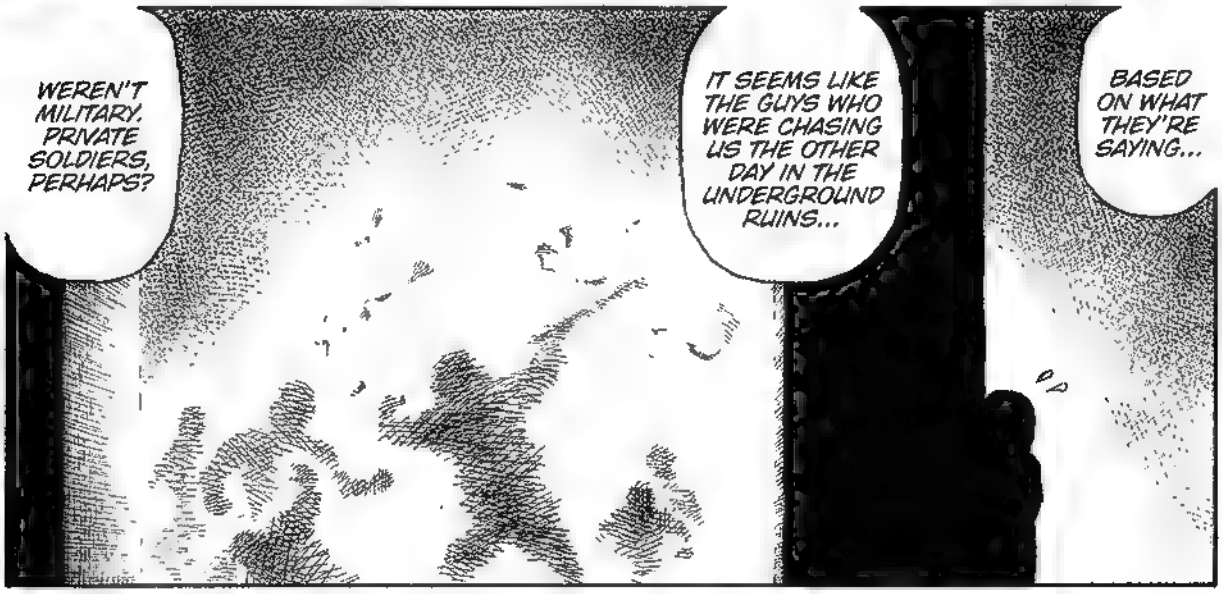
HE GOT DONE IN BY YOUR COWARDLY TRAP, AND LOST HIS SIGHT TO ANOXIA!
AAA
SPIT
YOU SEE HIM? HIS EYES GOT BUSTED THANKS TO YOU PEOPLE!


WE WERE HELPING CARRY...
AT THAT TIME I WAS ALSO UNDERGROUND JUST LIKE YOU GUYS!
WHACK
I DIDN'T DO ANYTHING.

YOU TERRORIST!
THUD WHACK SMACK
SNEAK
DON'T TAKE US FOR FOOLS! YOU'VE BEEN WORKING WITH THE ENEMY IN THE SHADOWS, HAVEN'T YOU?

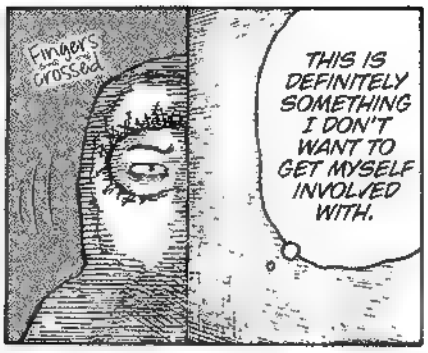
KILL HIM!

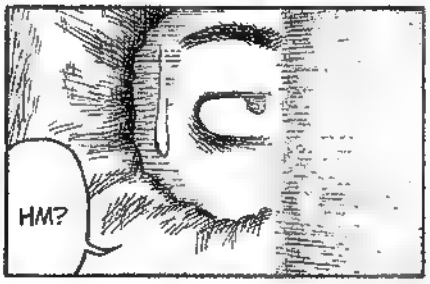

THEY'RE BULLYING THE SOUTH-ERNER.
WAAH...
WHACK
THUMP
CRACK
SMACK
Aaahg!


WEREN'T MILITARY. PRIVATE SOLDIERS, PERHAPS?
IT SEEMS LIKE THE GUYS WHO WERE CHASING US THE OTHER DAY IN THE UNDERGROUND RUINS...
BASED ON WHAT THEY'RE SAYING...

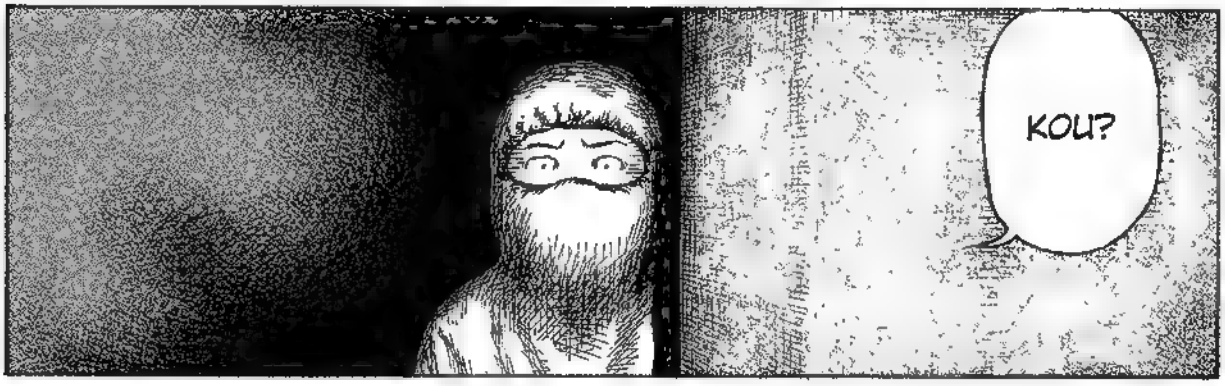
BUT JUST HOW MANY OF THEM STILL GET OFFED LIKE THIS EVERY DAY?
THEY EVEN PUT OUT A NOTICE ABOUT IT.
YOU CAN'T JUST LYNCH YOUR PRECIOUS SOUTHENER WORK FORCE INDISCRIMINATELY.

MY, MY...
IS THAT THEIR IDEA OF REVENGE ON US FOR BEATING THEM UP SO BADLY?


Fingers crossed
THIS IS DEFINITELY SOMETHING I DON'T WANT TO GET MYSELF INVOLVED WITH.

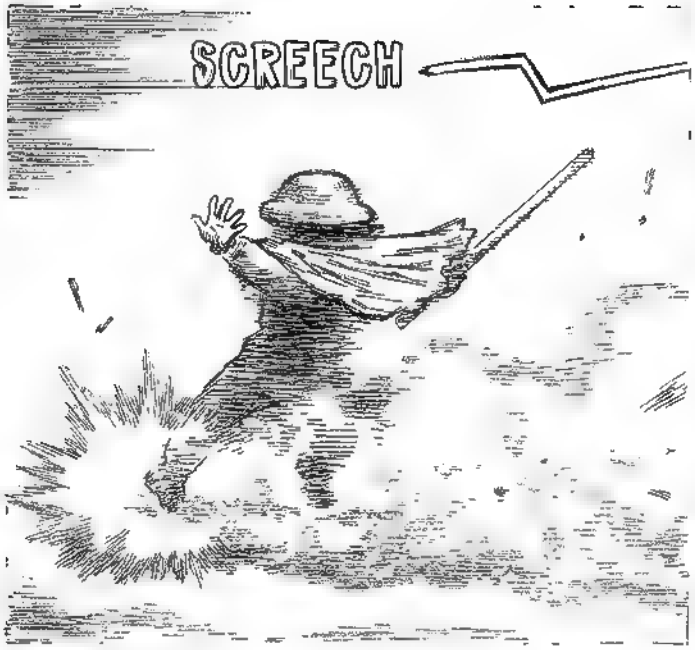

HM?

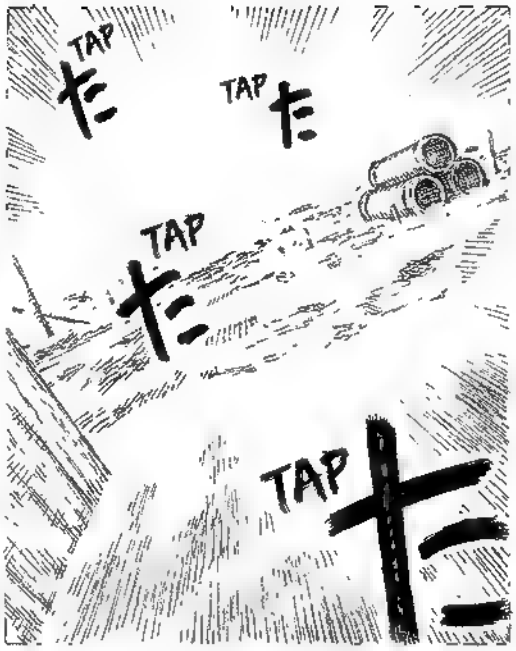
CRACK
SMACK

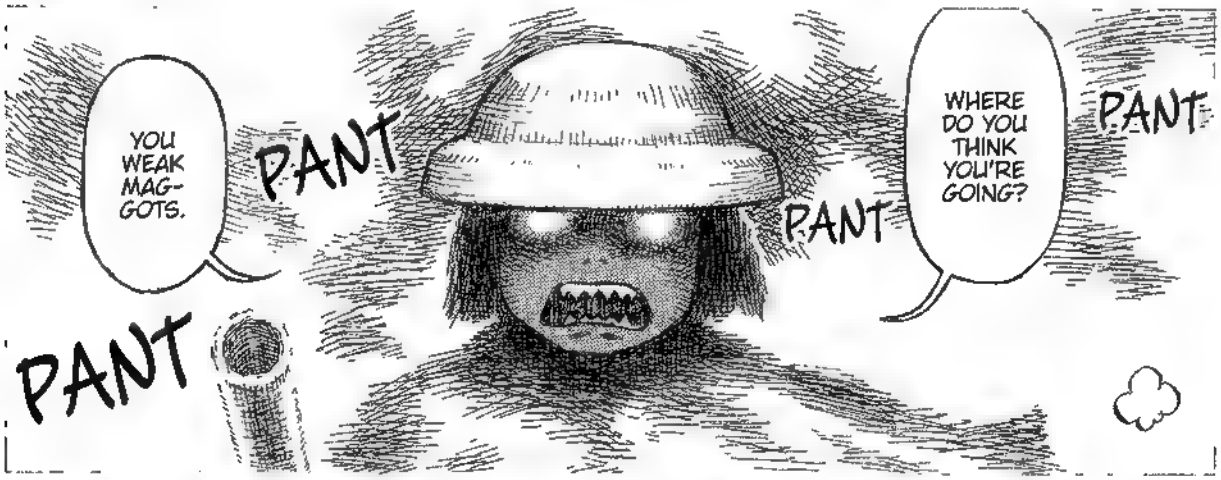

KOU?

OVER HERE!

MITSU-RU!


SCREECH


TAP
TAP
TAP
TAP

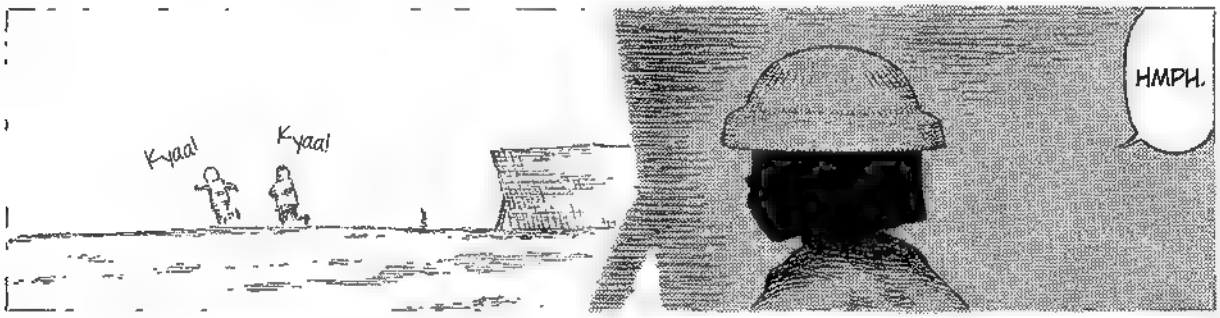

YOU WEAK MAG-GOTS.
PANT
PANT
PANT
WHERE DO YOU THINK YOU'RE GOING?
PANT

I WAS ABOUT TO GET MY SNACKS SNATCHED FROM ME.
THANK YOU, KOU!
AIN'T THIS AWESOME! THIS IS THE ANTI-CRAZY-SHITHEAD-KANTA SHELTER.

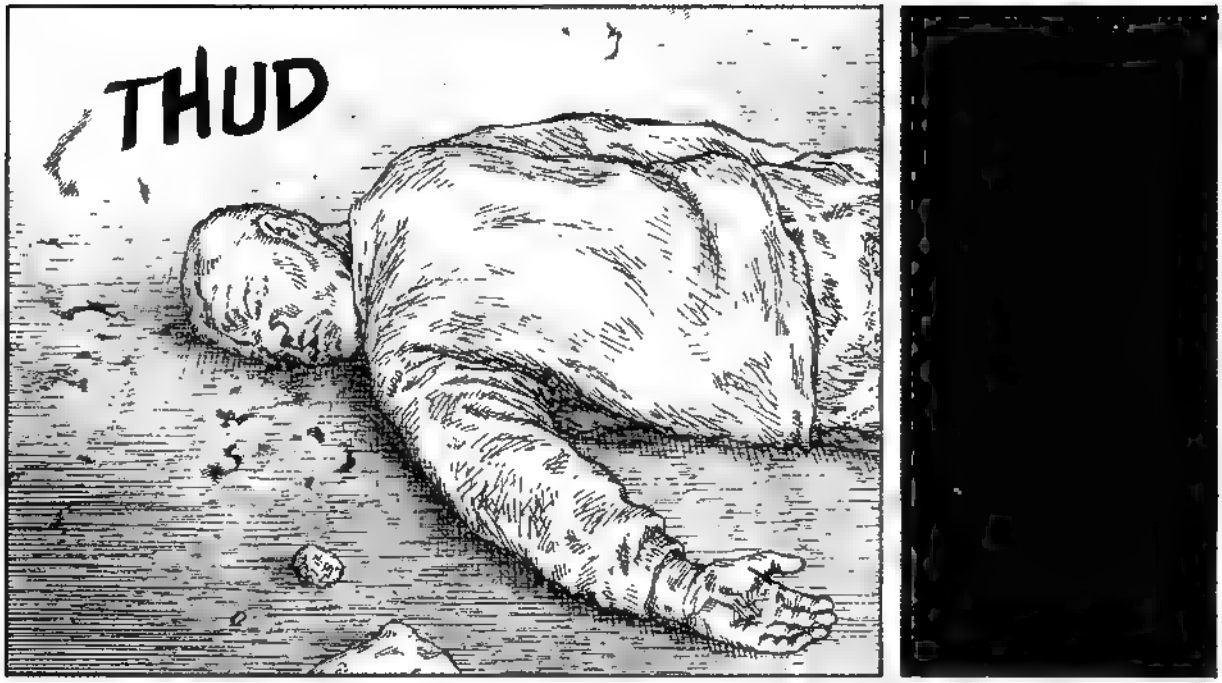
DRAG
DRAG
DAMMIT.

I'LL BRING MY IRON PIPE!
OKAY!
LET'S GET EVERYONE TOGETHER AND HAVE HIM LYNCHED NEXT TIME.

AWE-SOME!
WE DUG THESE HERE AND THERE THROUGH OUT TOWN.
I GOT HELP FROM THE GUYS WHO HAD IT ROUGH THANKS TO THAT CRAZY PERVY FUCKING IDIOT KANTA.

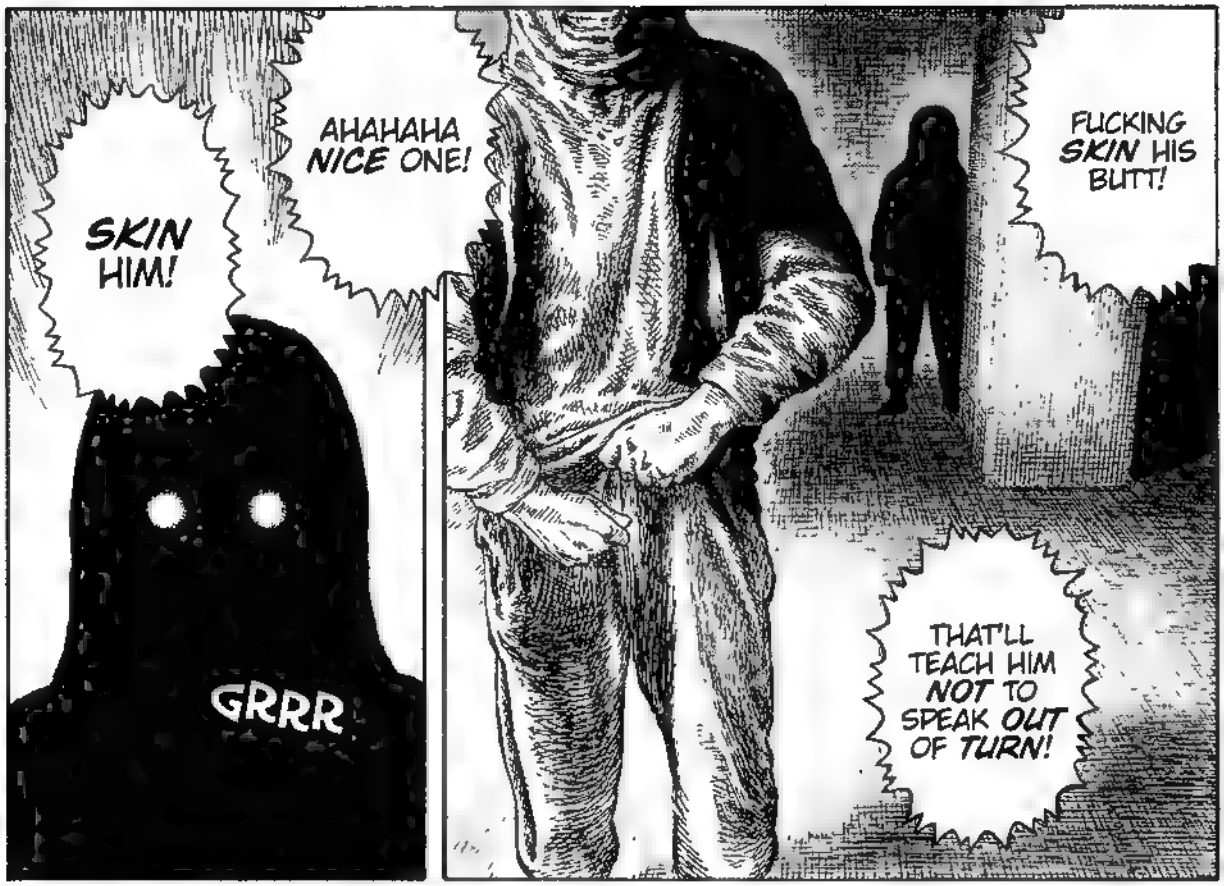

Kyaa!
Kyaa!
HMPH.

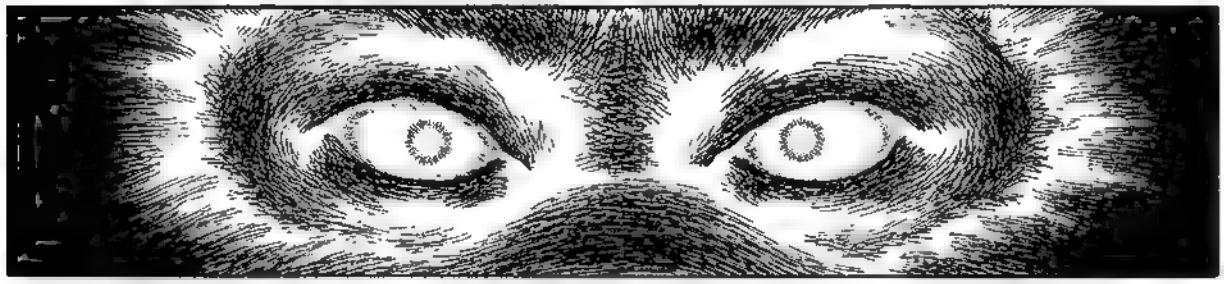
UGYAAAAAH
KYAAAAAA
WAAAAH
APPAR-ENTLY, SOMEONE HAD SET TRAPS IN THEM.
EVER SINCE THEN, THE CHILDREN KEPT GETTING INJURED IN THE HOLES WE DUG THROUGHOUT TOWN.
THE VICTIMS OF THE CRIME, THE CHILDREN, KEPT A TIGHT LIP AS IF THEY FEARED SOMETHING. THE INCIDENTS SUBSIDED, BUT THE PERPETRA-TOR WAS NEVER FOUND.


THUD

FUCK, I HAVEN'T HAD ENOUGH YET.
HA HA HA HA
IT'S GONNA BE REAL TROUBLESOME IF HE DIES.
LET'S LEAVE IT AT THAT.

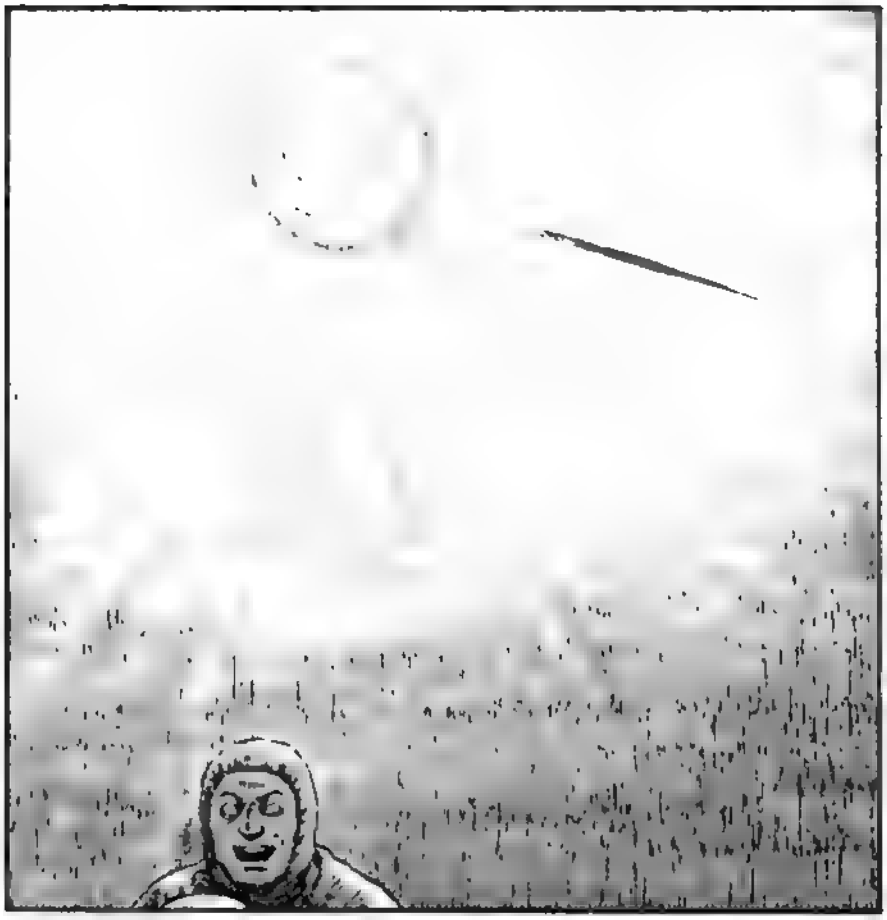
KNOW YOUR PLACE, SOUTH-ERNER!
SAY THAT AGAIN, YOU SHITTY KID!
Here's your seconds.
SHOVE
UWAH! STOP IT!


SKIN HIM!
AHAHAHA NICE ONE!
FUCKING SKIN HIS BUTT!
GRRR
THAT'LL TEACH HIM NOT TO SPEAK OUT OF TURN!



SNAP

GRAB

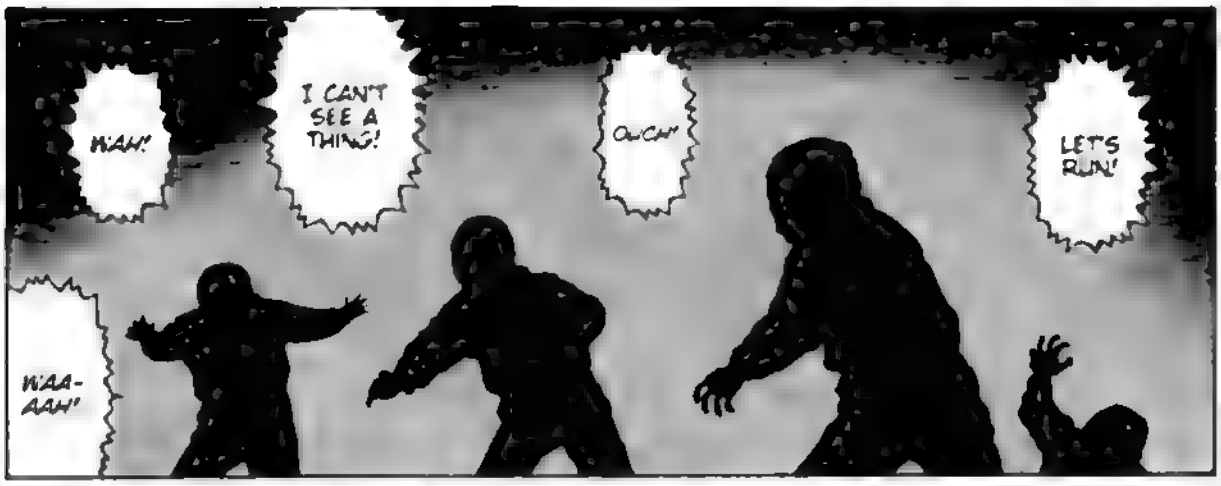


WHOOSH

The lights blew out!
What the?
SHATTER
SHATTER
What!
SHATTER

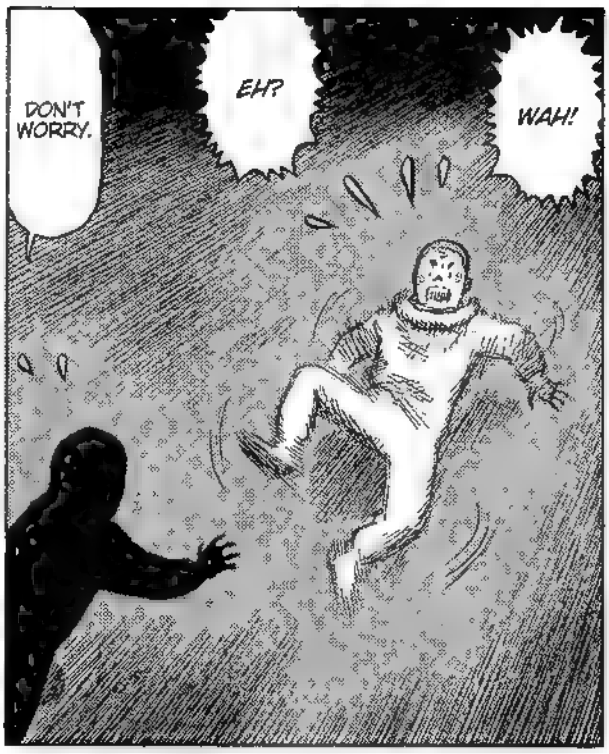
BANG
!?

SH-SHIT!
EH?
HEY! SOME-BODY'S COMING!

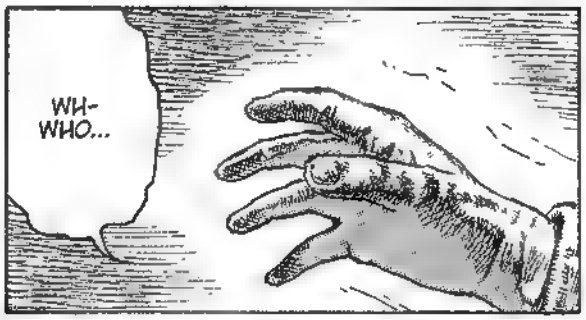

WAH!
I CAN'T SEE A THING!
OUCH!
LET'S RUN!
WAA-AAH!

KOJI.

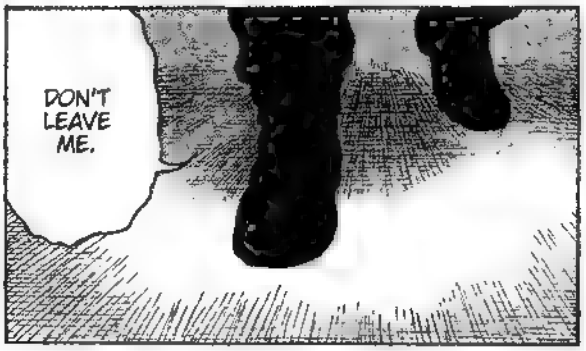
LET'S ESCAPE.

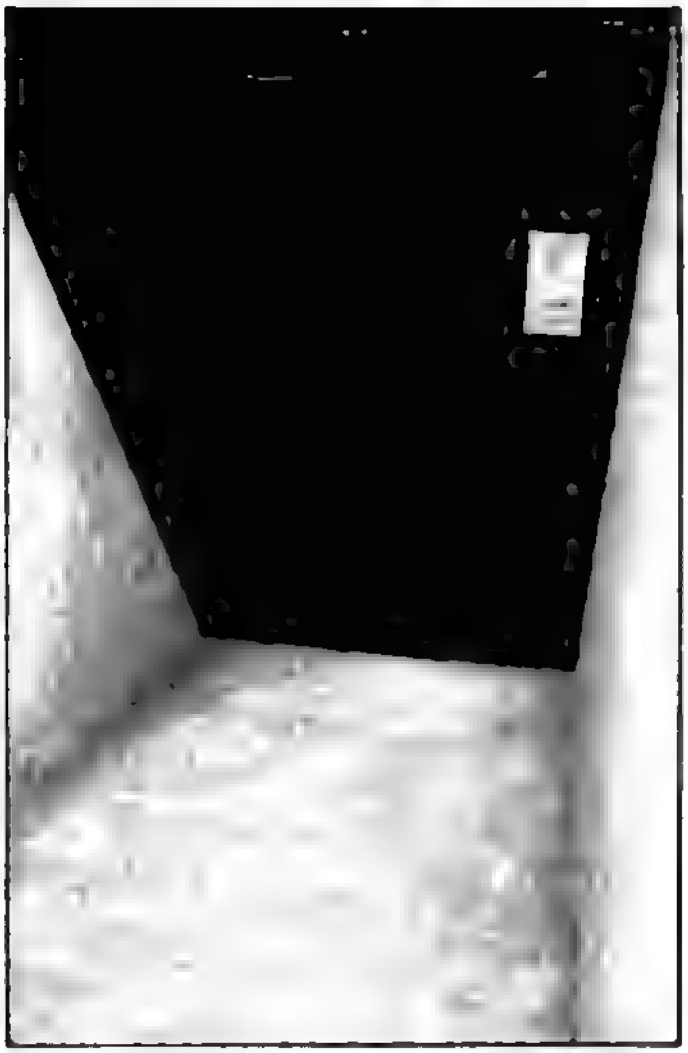

DON'T WORRY.
EH?
WAH!

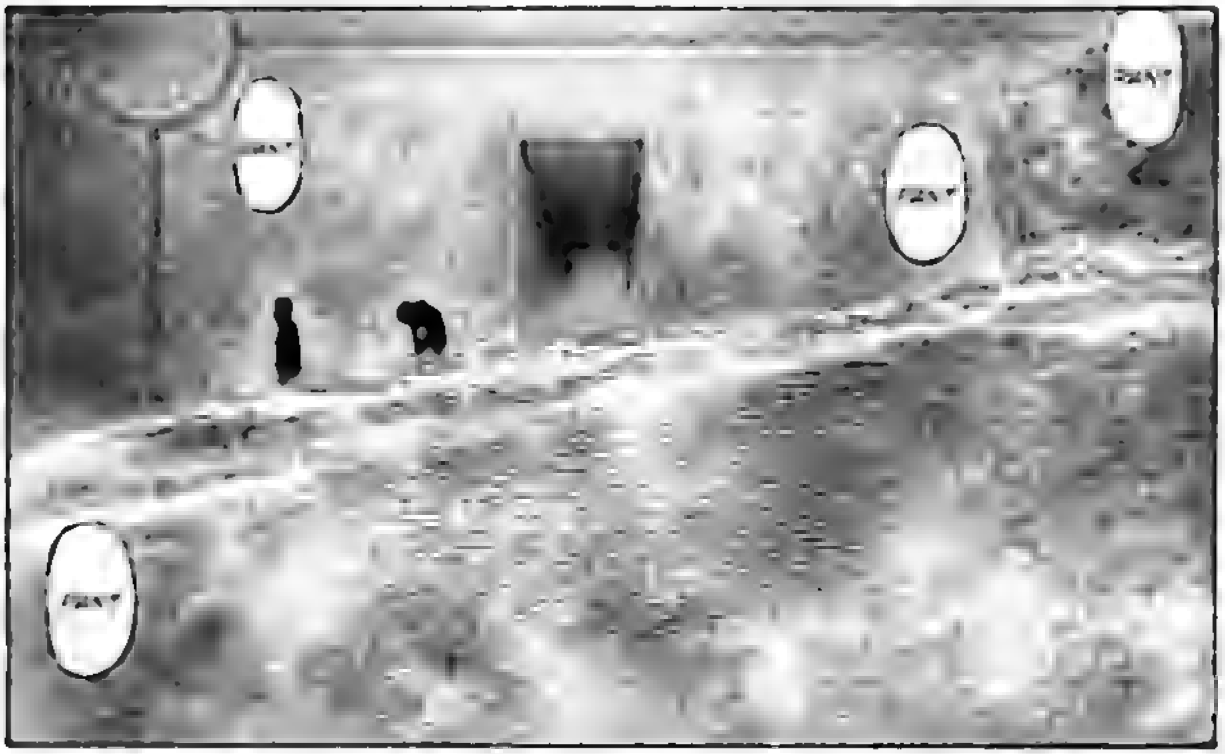
DON'T LEAVE ME BEHIND...

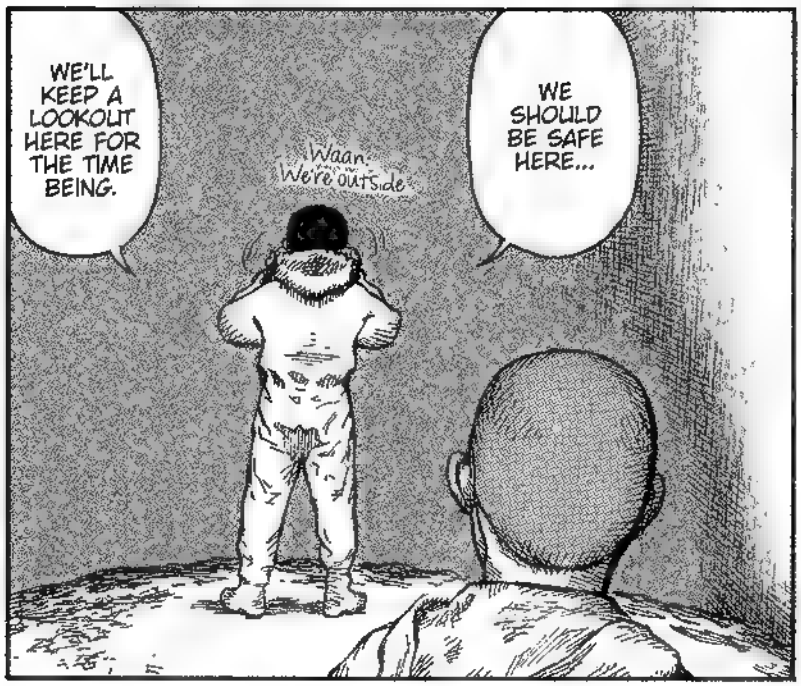

WH-WHO...

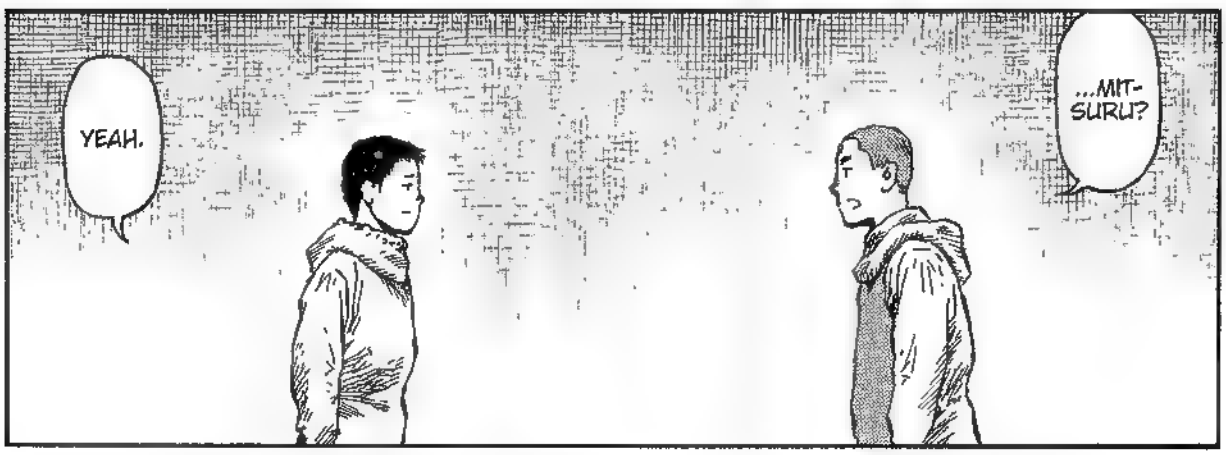
SEI...

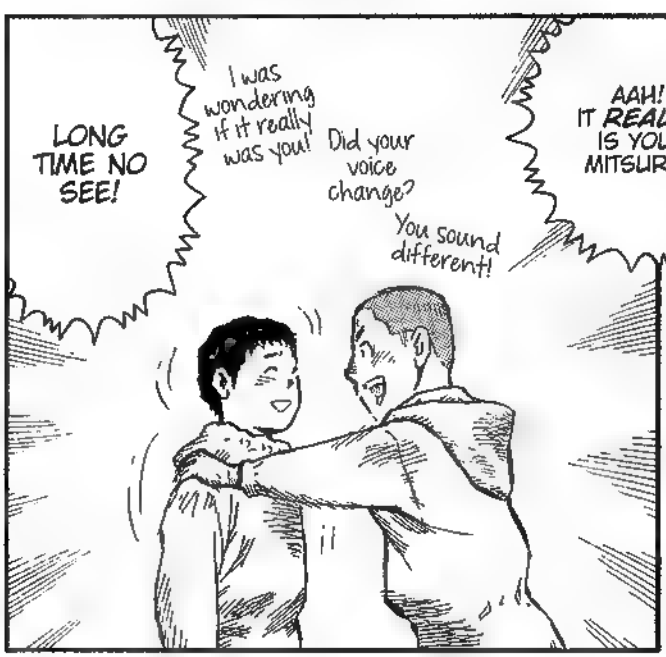

DON'T LEAVE ME.






WE'LL KEEP A LOOKOUT HERE FOR THE TIME BEING.
Waan! We're outside
WE SHOULD BE SAFE HERE...


YEAH.
...MIT-SURU?


LONG TIME NO SEE!
I was wondering if it really was you!
Did your voice change?
You sound different!
AAH! IT REALLY IS YOU, MITSURU!

BLUSH
KOU, LONG TIME NO SEE.

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...AH.

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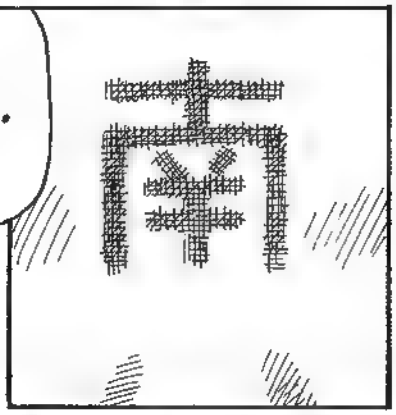
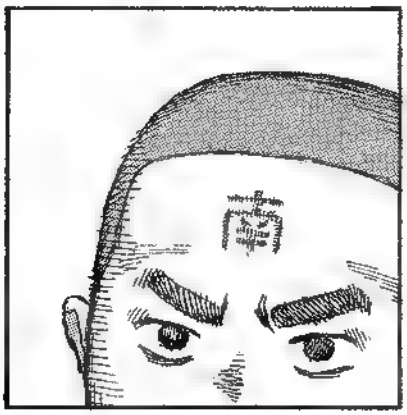
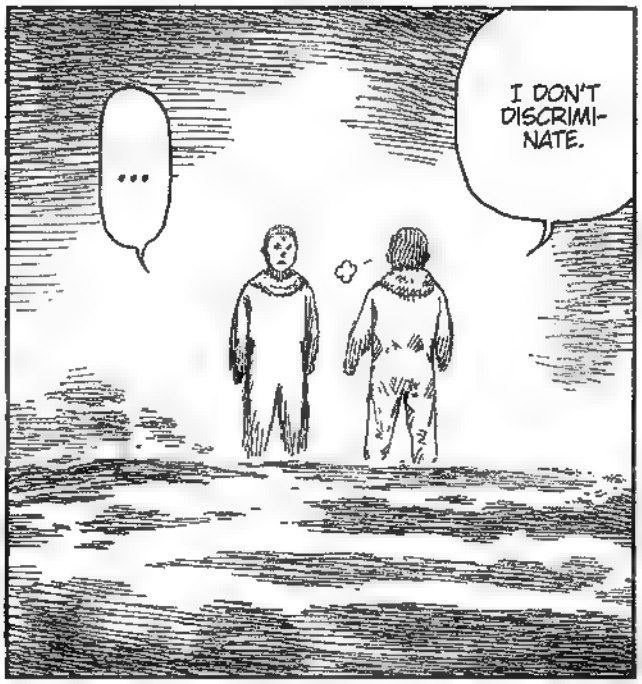
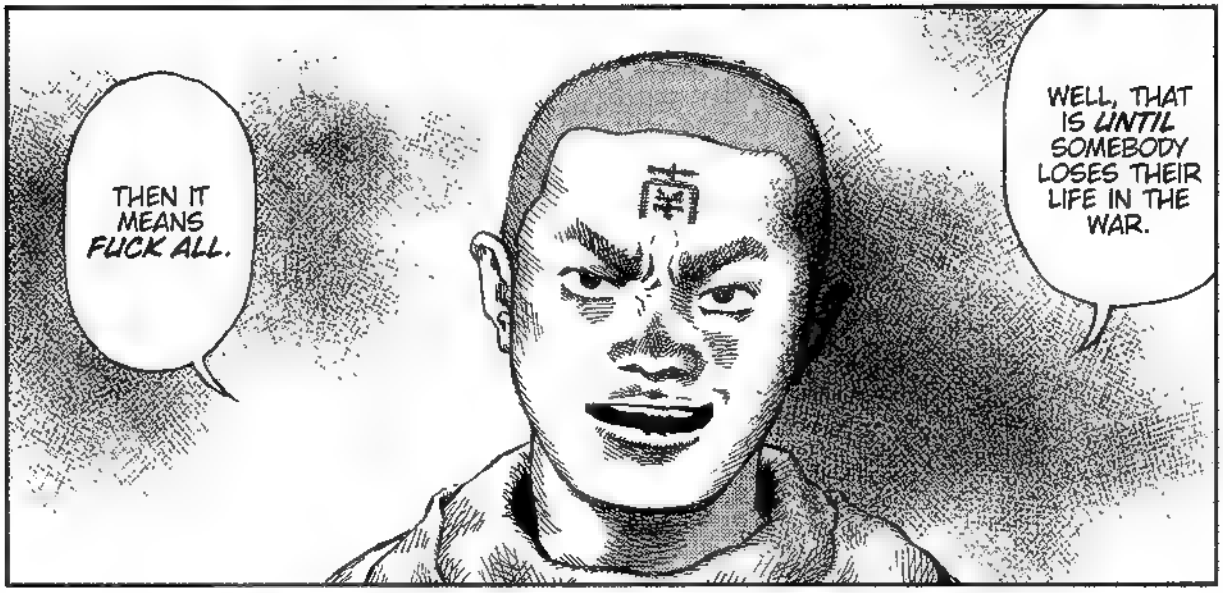




HMPH

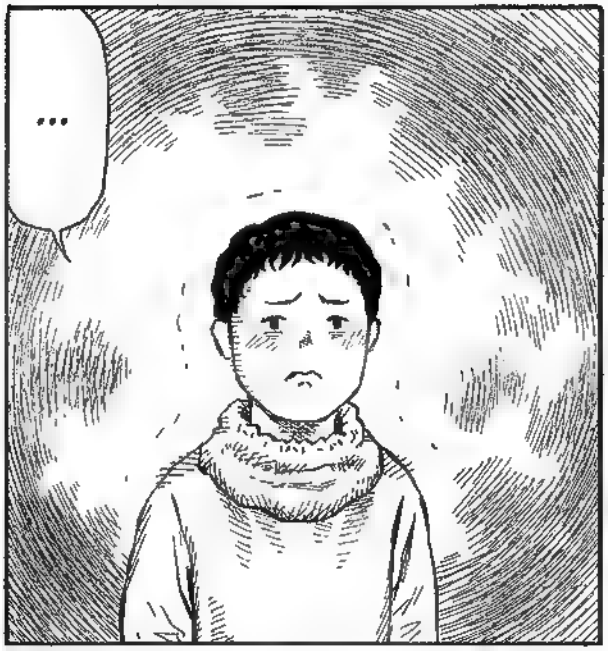

...
I DON'T DISCRIMI-NATE.

THAT THE FACT THAT WE'RE FRIENDS WON'T CHANGE.
THAT THE WAR DOESN'T MATTER ONE BIT.
THEY ALL SAY THE SAME AT FIRST.


THEN IT MEANS FUCK ALL.
WELL, THAT IS UNTIL SOMEBODY LOSES THEIR LIFE IN THE WAR.

EVEN THOUGH IT AIN'T LIKE I KILLED THEM!

YOU'RE RIGHT.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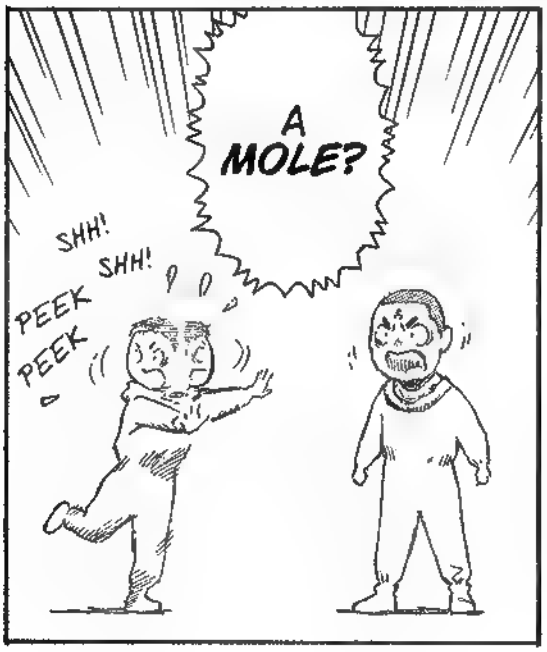
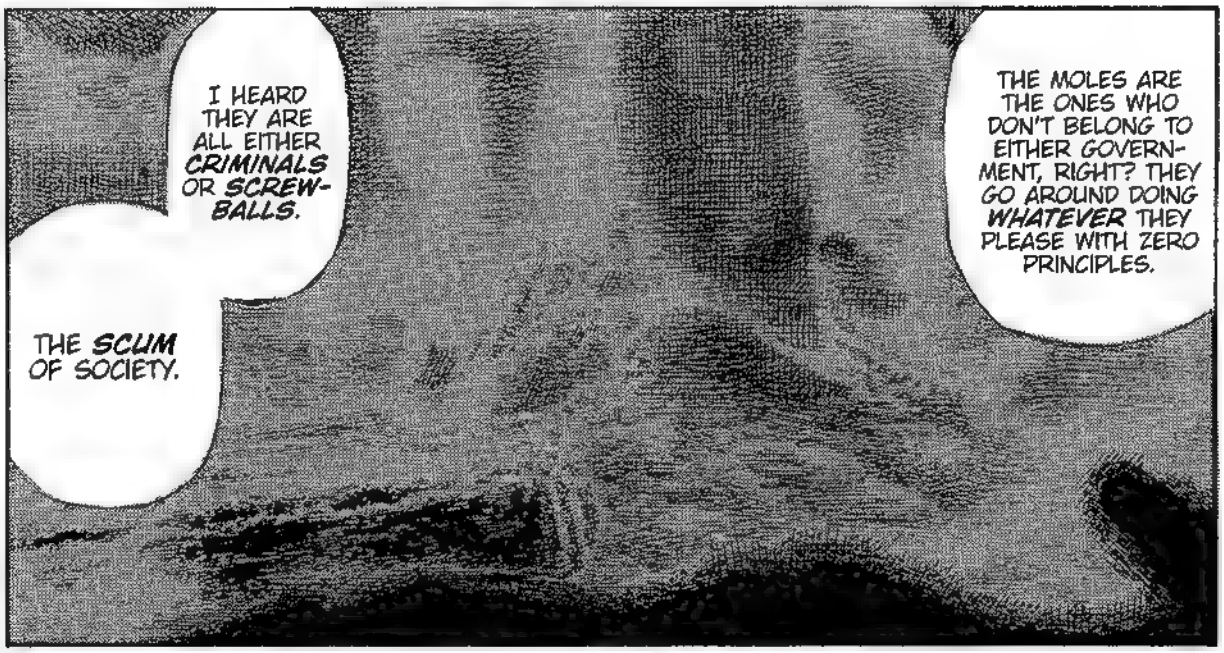
Hm?

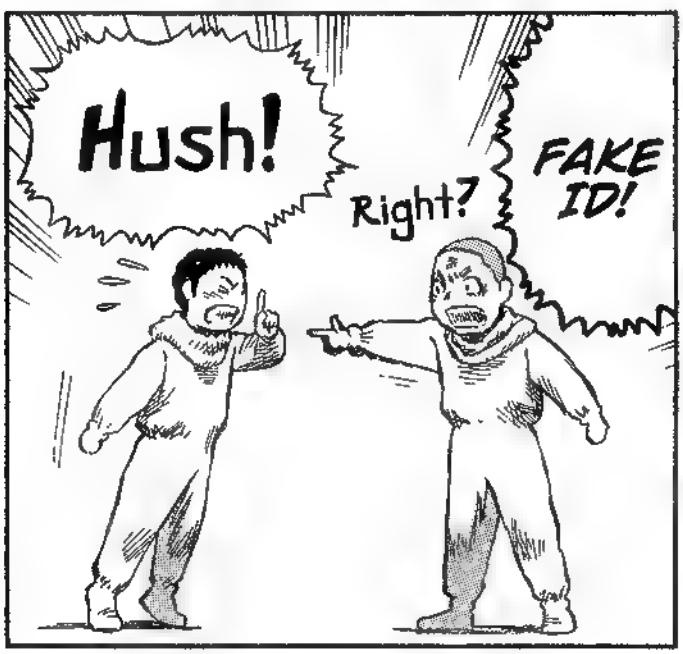
MAYBE I WOULD HAVE DISCRIMINATED TOO...
I knew it!
If I don't kill, I'll get killed instead.
Uuuh...
IF I WERE IN THE SAME POSITION AS THOSE PEOPLE...
TSK!


A MOLE?
SHH!
SHH!
PEEK
PEEK

BA-DUMP
...AREN'T YOU IN THE SAME POSITION?
You're a Westerner, right?


I HEARD THEY ARE ALL EITHER CRIMINALS OR SCREW-BALLS.
THE SCUM OF SOCIETY.
THE MOLES ARE THE ONES WHO DON'T BELONG TO EITHER GOVERNMENT, RIGHT? THEY GO AROUND DOING WHATEVER THEY PLEASE WITH ZERO PRINCIPLES.

AAH... WELL, IT'S A LONG STORY...
WHAT DID YOU DO?
But well, I'm not gonna discriminate. I have no right to!
WHY ARE YOU EVEN WITH THE MOLES...


Hush!
Right?
FAKE ID!

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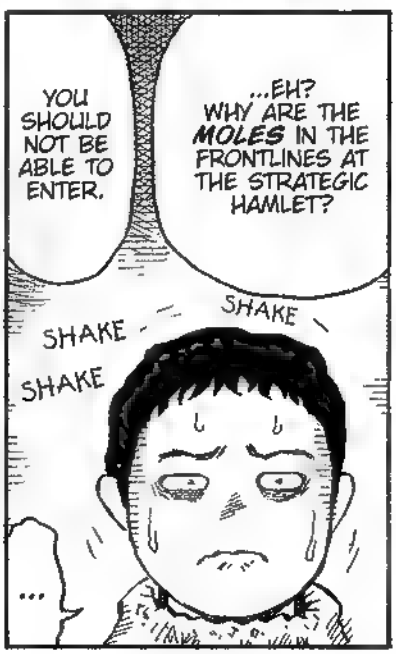
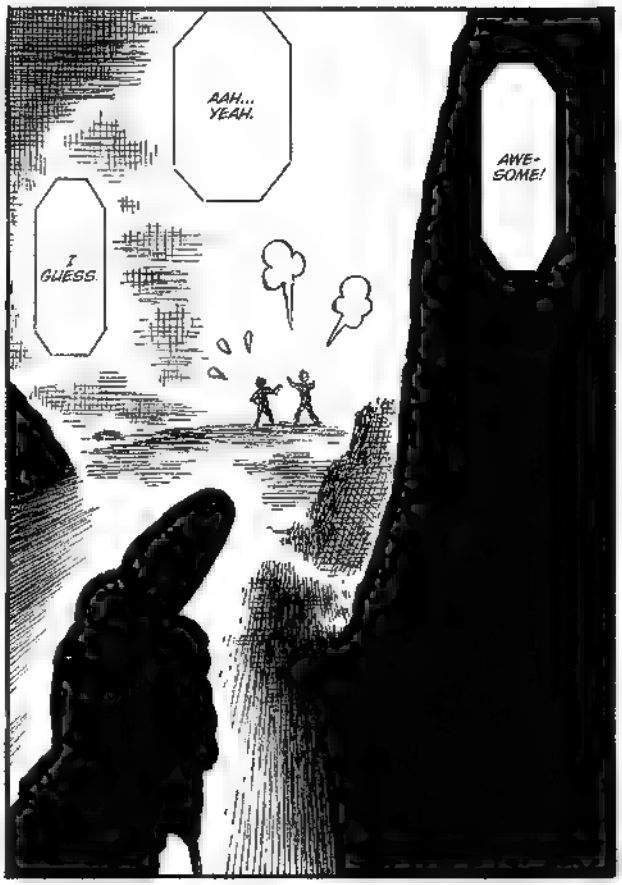
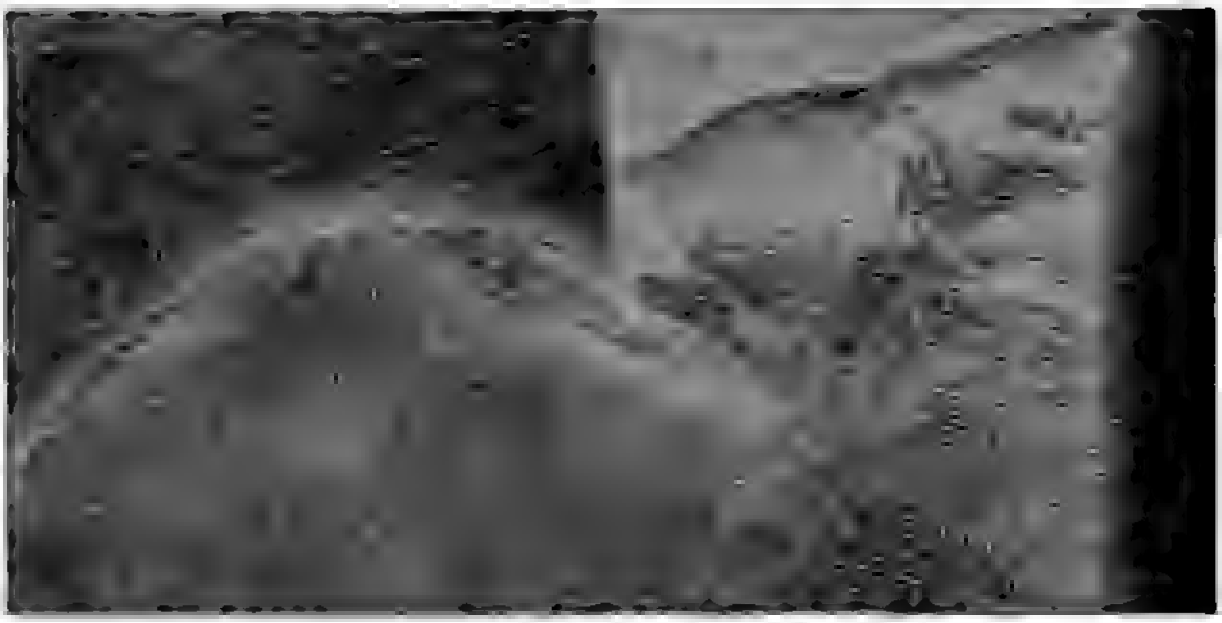
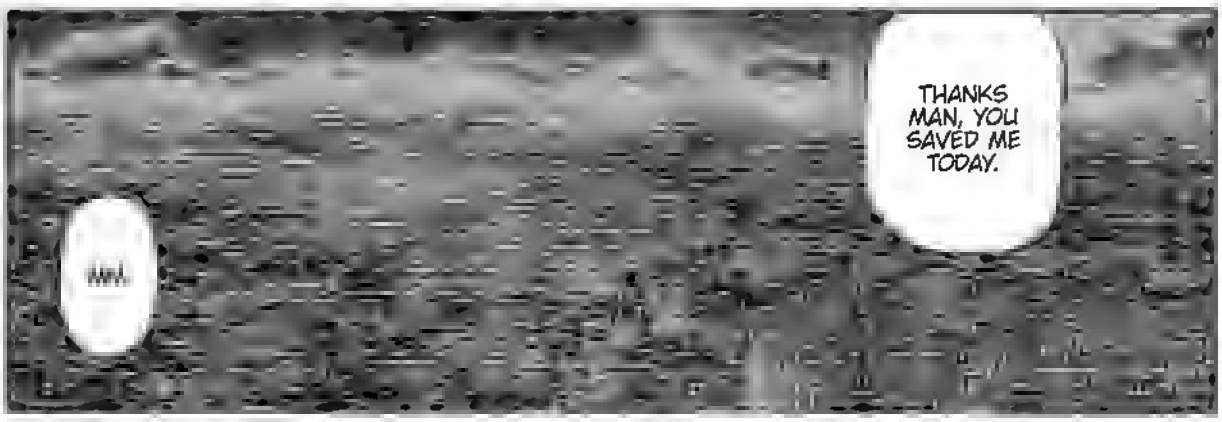

YOU SHOULD NOT BE ABLE TO ENTER.
...EH? WHY ARE THE MOLES IN THE FRONTLINES AT THE STRATEGIC HAMLET?
SHAKE
SHAKE
SHAKE
...

That's awe-some!
IS IT THE SOUTHERN ALLIANCE?
OTHERWISE WHERE ON EARTH COULD YOU FIND SOMETHING LIKE A FAKE ID?
Awe-some!
YOU MUST KNOW SOME SECRET ORGANIZATION TO BE ABLE TO GET YOUR HANDS ON THAT SORT OF THING, RIGHT?
SERI-OUSLY?
Super awesome!
Awesome!

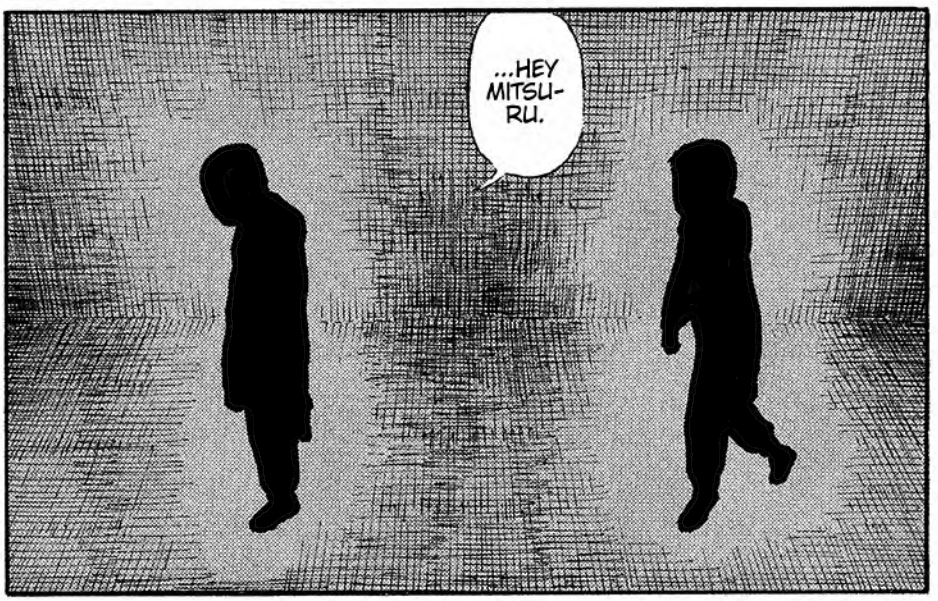




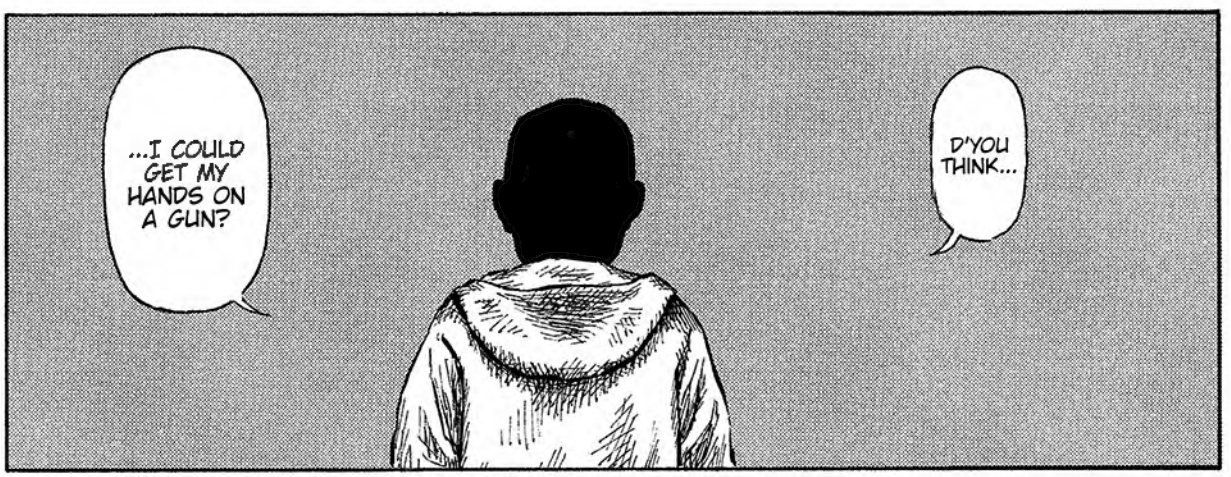

THANKS MAN, YOU SAVED ME TODAY.
MM.

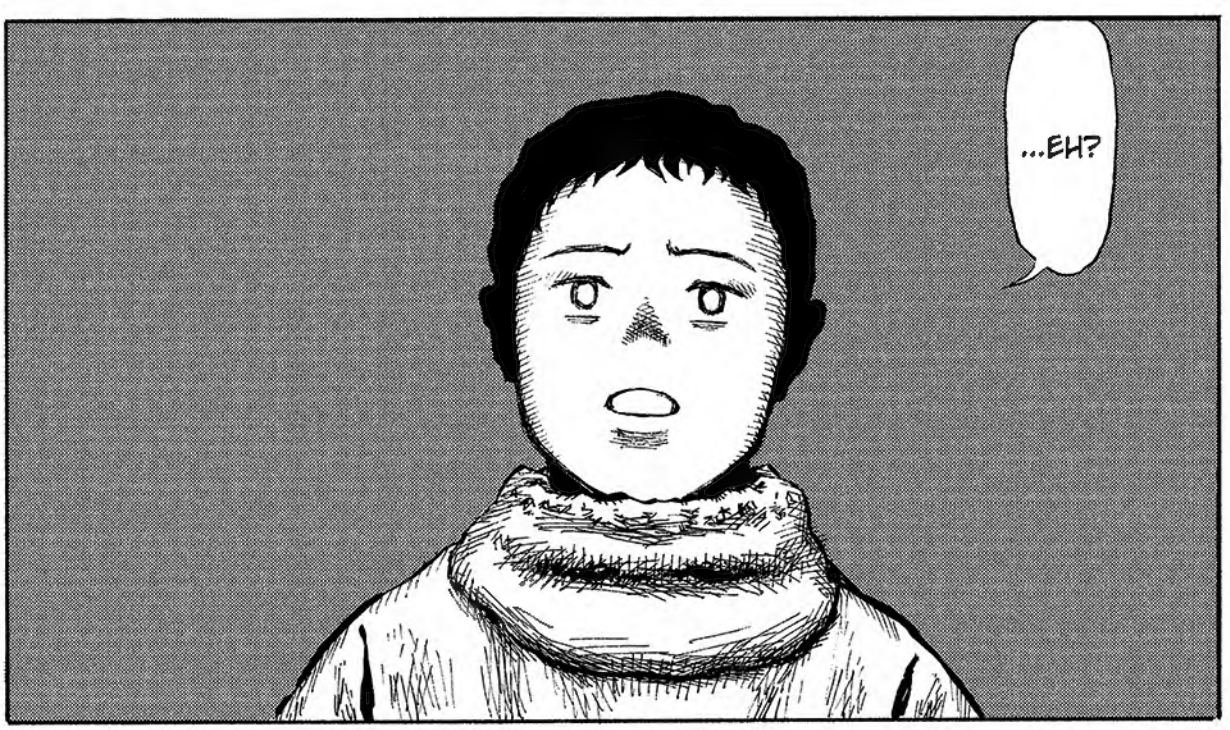
I WON'T TELL ANYONE ABOUT YOUR MOLES INFILTRATING.

ABOUT MY SITUATION, BRA...
YEAH?


...HEY MITSU-RU.

BLUSH


...I COULD GET MY HANDS ON A GUN?
D'YOU THINK...


...EH?

⑯巻は新しい武器も装備も出ませんでしたので、
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